

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) for Lincoln County

Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2024

(Video Recording of this zoom meeting is available)

Present:

Chief David Broderick, Lincoln City Police Department
Tony Campa, Director, Community Corrections
DA Jenna Wallace, Lincoln County District Attorney
Jordan Gabilondo, Community Corrections Juvenile Department Supervisor
Guy Greco, LPSCC Chair, Defense Counsel
Casey Miller, Lincoln County Commissioner
Jayne Romero, Director, Lincoln County Health & Human Services
Sheriff Curtis Landers, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Jamie Russell, Jail Commander, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
Paul Schrader, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center

Welcome:

Guy Greco welcomed all members.

Quorum was reached.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 2024. **Moved to Approve:** Curtis Landers, **Second:** Jenna Wallace.
Unanimously approved.

Introduction of New Chief MDI-

Jayne Romero/Cassandra Mumford (MDI) – 10 years of experience she's bringing to us - Putting policies and procedures together for her team currently- she is the new Chief medical death investigator – currently they have two part time medical death investigators and hopefully soon they'll start taking calls. – They just received a truck and should be able to do their own transports. Just got their canopy put on that truck.

Cassandra met with LE recently and informed them that she and her staff operate under ORS 146.090. They conduct scene walk throughs & family interviews. They photograph the scene and evidence that helps determine cause or manner of death. They conduct a body exam on scene, review case with the medical examiner, and may contact state medical examiner's office. They will write reports and update medical information. They will then do any necessary follow-up and obtain a police report to add to the file.

The biggest issue so far has been transport, so they are happy to be getting their own truck to help out the families.

Commissioner Miller suggested Ms. Mumford come to a BOC meeting for an introduction to public and to provide an update, maybe keep it on your radar.

Budget Adjustment Request for the Justice Reinvestment Program (LPSCC Review and Approval Required)-

Community Corrections is seeking to submit a Budget Adjustment Request for the Justice Reinvestment Program grant. They are proposing to move \$30,000 from an account for Contractual Services to Personnel. They are asking for approval, but they do not have a deadline.

This will be tabled until next meeting considering it was not shared with group yet.

Tony will get this out before next meeting.

Measure 4002 Updates-

Sheriff Curtis Landers- we have been meeting as a work group since April- there were a few people that did a technical assistance workshop in Portland mid-summer. We were optimistic we would be done by September 1st and hoping for an October 1st starting time for this position. We had the job description written for a coordinator, sent it to our HR department they scored it, placed it in a salary range. This position is ready to reside in DA's office once approved. It was presented along with Judge Bachart's recommendation to the BOC in hopes to get approval on the grant for this program by the deadline. The BOC was supportive, but had questions. So, Sheriff Landers prepared a memo once we got final calculations back from finance. We hadn't heard anything back from BOC for several weeks.

We were then told that the position would not be held in DA's office, it would be held at P&P. We were then told conflicting information by BOC and legal. Sheriff had requested an extension on the grant deadline due to decisions being unconfirmed and for edits. This was supposed to be placed on the BOC meeting agenda this month at the request of Commissioner Miller and it was not. Sheriff did request the edit for additional funding after the last BOC meeting.

The DA and Sheriff were able to meet with Tim Johnson who expressed that the position was going to be placed in the DA's office, but the budgets will need to be revised. Grant funds will cover position costs. It is an allowed expense under the grant guidelines. We can submit budget edits in November.

The DA submitted the job requisition form and it was approved by HR. As of right now it is waiting for final commissioner approval.

Estimated timeline for Position: We would like to get someone in this position ASAP so we can get them up to speed with our treatment providers. Take calls 24/7, work on connecting with LE. In some instances, this position would be coming out to scenes and be part of the whole process for the people

in this program all the way to, hopefully expungement. This will take some fine tuning, but we have a start plan as of right now and we just need to get someone for this position. We're hoping for a November start date for this post.

DA Jenna Wallace- Until the deflection program goes into effect, individuals charged with drug offenses may be offered a conditional discharge rather than deflection. Her office will start charging for these crimes and this will start on Monday, September 30.

Commissioner Miller – Requisition process seems to be taking longer because of a systematic jam of its own. I have not seen it yet, but it will be approved as soon as it comes across their emails.

P&P Tony Campa – Says they were just willing to take on the program considering they were asked. They weren't looking for more money, just wanting to help out if needed.

But they agree with the decision for it going to the DA's office.

Member Updates-

Commissioner Casey Miller: A technical process when we review our membership, needs to be updated? Maybe we can all take a look. To make sure everything is correct. No term limits. This week I have been in peer training at Samaritan, and it has been an excellent training. I will be a certified peer once I am done this week.

Police Chief Broderick: Recently selected narcotics detective should be in place within next two weeks and will go to Washington county to work on bigger cases.

Is there an increase in arrests? If so, how great of increase? (Greco) Would anticipate increase but would be used to cultivate information but would hopefully be good for deflection.

Jayne Romero: Emergency Shelter winter program will be starting in November through April because our April weather will be a little more harsh. We have run into a delay with Newport location, but we hope shortly we'll have a press release out.

Liz Webler is now a program manager with HHS and she is responsible for the types of services that fall into the forensic categories. Alicia Higgins-Carlson is another program manager with HHS, child and family health mainly.

Curtis Landers: HB 4002 has funds (\$351,000) for medically assisted treatment to help with Adults in Custody ("AIC"s) in that program- This is just for people in custody. This is to help and so no one is turned away for wanting to get help.

Jamie Russell: Agrees with Sheriff Landers.

Jenna Wallace: Currently we hired three new attorneys that started last month. Michael Thornicroft is coming back as DDA, and he starts in two weeks. We have three positions unfilled but did interviews and we are getting closer to being fully staffed. We will have two DDA's by end of December. While we were short staffed, we were able to maintain charging cases. Things are looking up.

Paul Schrader: We are hiring additional therapists. Increased salaries are helping to recruit.

Jordan Gabilondo: Things are going well at the Juvenile Department, housing consistently around 7-8 youth, new staff starting shortly.

Tony Campa: New Probation Tech starting October 7th, hopefully new Probation Officer soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Email Michelle Maresco at mmaresco@co.lincoln.or.us if you have items you would like added to the next meeting's Agenda.

NEXT meeting will be November 22, 2024