



Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
Director Malcolm McDonald, Chair
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October 28th, 2024

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Development Services Building, Rm 119, 150 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045

Members present: Malcolm McDonald, Mary Rumbaugh, Bruce Tarbox, Adam Freer, District Attorney John Wentworth, Chief Shaun Davis, and Emily Brault

Guests present: Elizabeth White, Bill Stewart, Meggie Kirchner, Cindy Becker, Brandi Johnson, Glen Suchanek, Kristin Gibson, Trent Wilson, Manuel Padilla, Apryl Herron, Kimberlee DeSanis, Sarah Butler, and Erin Hash.

Welcome, Overview of Meeting Objectives

- Chair Malcolm McDonald welcomed meeting participants and reviewed the agenda.

Update: Clackamas County's Deflection Program

- Bill Stewart provided an update on the deflection program. He began by reviewing the program's progress, noting a total of 85 Possession of a Controlled Substance (PCS) cases to date in Clackamas County. Of these, 20 individuals had been offered deflection, while 39 received conditional discharge. Several cases were deemed ineligible due to factors such as prior criminal convictions or co-occurring charges.
- Bill shared demographic data collected from police reports, indicating that 80% of participants identified as male and 89% as Caucasian. He indicated the need to address demographic data in future phases.
- Bill detailed the outcomes of recent Impact Court sessions, explaining that these sessions serve as key touchpoints where individuals are presented with options for deflection or conditional discharge. During the first session on September 26, one participant opted for deflection, while others chose to reset their cases for later sessions. Subsequent sessions in October yielded mixed results, with some individuals entering the program while others failed to appear.
- Bill highlighted the positive collaboration between law enforcement and community partners within the Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN). This partnership has facilitated streamlined transitions into detox (withdrawal management) services and stabilization housing for some participants, as well as same-day ASAM assessments. He cited a specific case in which an individual transitioned directly from detox into housing with assistance from a local treatment provider (An ASAM assessment is a standardized evaluation used to assess a person's needs related to substance use disorder, taking into account various biological, psychological, and social factors, to determine the most appropriate level of care).

for their treatment, based on the criteria established by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, ASAM).

- Bill discussed the development of a system for social referrals to treatment services, enabling law enforcement or community partners to connect individuals to care when they express a willingness to seek help, with or without criminal charges. He suggested that future phases could include piloting warm handoffs in high-traffic areas, such as McLoughlin Blvd and 82nd Ave, during designated hours. In these cases, law enforcement officers would connect individuals directly with deflection program navigators who can facilitate access to treatment services. Bill noted availability of a 24/7 warm handoff system is a long-term goal and next phases may involve a phased rollout in select areas, with plans for future expansion.
- Bill presented informational cards for individuals eligible for deflection, which include contact details for navigators and instructions for seeking assistance. These are intended to further facilitate connections to care.
- Bill discussed challenges, including delays in hiring program navigators and integrating the RedCap data management system. An interim internal system is being developed to track metrics such as program engagement and treatment compliance. Bill indicated program navigators would likely be hired by the end of the week to enhance outreach and engagement, particularly for participants failing to appear in Impact Court. He noted navigators will focus on outreach, social referrals, and facilitating warm handoffs. He also highlighted plans to provide Spanish-language materials as a next step.
- Chief Shaun Davis posed a question about tracking repeat offenders and whether the program's data identified individuals receiving deflection more than once. Bill clarified that participants are offered deflection only once, with subsequent offenses qualifying for conditional discharge. He discussed the important role of community partnerships in reaching high-need individuals and addressing complex cases.
- Emily Brault requested additional details about conditional discharge, prompting a discussion that included clarifying details. In response, Mary Rumbaugh noted the importance of clearly distinguishing between deflection and conditional discharge in public communications to reduce confusion. She recommended crafting messages in a lay-friendly manner to ensure understanding among participants and stakeholders.
- Mary also emphasized the importance of tracking engagement data to measure success, particularly through the RedCap system. Trent Wilson suggested focusing on long-term success stories than participation numbers. Bill agreed, noting the need to balance data collection with the realities of working with at-risk populations, acknowledging that some participants may not succeed initially and require ongoing support.

Update: Clackamas County Recovery Center

- Cindy Becker provided an update on the development of the Clackamas County Recovery Center, envisioned as a "recovery campus" offering detox, mental health services, peer support, job training, and transitional housing. She described the center's goal to provide

long-term support with no strict time limits, enabling participants to transition back into the community when ready.

- Cindy indicated the county will fund construction, while operations will be managed by an external provider. A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been issued, with a provider selection expected by December 2024. Construction is anticipated to take two years, alongside rezoning, building updates, and operational framework development.
- Cindy noted the Recovery Center is distinct from a sobering center, as it offers comprehensive, long-term services rather than short-term stabilization. She emphasized alignment with law enforcement and community partners to ensure multiple pathways for accessing the center, including referrals from outpatient providers, hospitals, and law enforcement.
- Meeting participants discussed the importance of integrated systems and current efforts underway to develop data-sharing protocols that streamline information while respecting privacy.
- Meeting participants also reflected on the value of sharing success stories to secure ongoing funding and legislative support. The deflection program is in its early stages, but the established partnerships and infrastructure demonstrate significant potential to reduce jail populations and enhance outcomes for individuals with a substance use disorder.
- Chair McDonald wrapped up the meeting, noting the importance of ongoing stakeholder coordination to inform program improvements and expansion.

Public Comment

- No public comment.