



Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
Director Malcolm McDonald, Chair
Vacant, Vice-Chair

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July 31, 2023

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Zoom Webinar

Members present: Malcolm McDonald, Christina McMahan, Mary Rumbaugh, Judge Ann Lininger, Bruce Tarbox, Chief Luke Strait, Commissioner Bent West, District Attorney John Wentworth and Rod Cook.

Guests present: Elizabeth White and Dylan Blaylock.

Dylan Blaylock, Public & Government Affairs, hosted the webinar and initiated the meeting. He introduced Malcolm McDonald, Clackamas County Community Corrections Director and LPSCC Chair, and stated the Chair will facilitate the meeting. Dylan provided online meeting logistics and instructions about the submission process for public comments. Members of the public were instructed to send comments by sending an email to ClackCoNews@clackamas.us. He said public comments would be held at approximately 1:20 p.m. and asked members of the public to limit comments to 3 minutes.

Welcome/Introductions

Chair Malcolm McDonald called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. Chair McDonald welcomed members and guests.

Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes from May 16th, 2023

The chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 16th, 2023. Mary Rumbaugh motioned to approve. Commissioner West seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The chair proceeded to call for a vote to approve the minutes and all voting members present expressed their agreement without any "nay" votes.

Discussion and Approval of the Clackamas County Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) Semi-Annual Report

Chair McDonald provided an update on the final progress report for the Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) that closes out the biennium. The report highlighted ongoing initiatives and programs, including the Clackamas Substance Abuse Program (CSAP) and short-term transitional leave program (STTL). He said specific attention was given to the impact of Senate Bill (SB) 48, the subsequent Presiding Judge's Order, and increase in the number of forced releases from the jail.

Chair McDonald discussed the impact of SB48 and the Presiding Judge's Order on pre-trial processes and the reduction in the number of individuals on supervision. He noted ongoing discussions about the pre-trial program, mentioning that there might be changes in response to funding and court hiring shifts. While the Justice Reinvestment Grant implementation was ongoing, the courts received funding for pre-trial release officers. Chair McDonald indicated potential changes ahead and assured the group that he would continue to provide updates to LPSCC on this matter.

Chair McDonald highlighted the concerning increase of forced releases by 6.5%, signaling a challenge in the system. He celebrated the success of the CSAP, which was performing well despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. The progress report showcased the impressive results, with no recidivism cases among the participants for the 2022-23 period. He expressed the intent to further increase participation numbers.

Chair McDonald also touched on the reduction in the number of individuals on supervision, especially women, which affected the pool of participants for CSAP. He mentioned there was a reduction for men as well. He said the focus remains on those at the highest risk, with efforts directed toward strengthening this program. The Chair mentioned statewide data displayed positive results but acknowledged data related to the pandemic's impact was yet to be fully available. Despite these challenges, he affirmed the continuation of CSAP and STTL programs and noted residential programs were gradually returning to normal operations.

Chair McDonald indicated the potential need for the pre-trial program to adapt due to changes, including the addition of a total of 10 positions. He concluded by inviting questions and comments from the members.

Christina McMahan inquired about the due date for the JRP application. Chair McDonald explained that the initial application was submitted to LPSCC for approval. Since submission, they have received feedback from the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) and are currently working on finalizing the application, with the timeline for completion set for September.

Christina sought further clarification and asked if LPSCC would reconvene in September to approve the application. She wondered if they typically received the application for review ahead of time. Chair McDonald indicated LPSCC had approved the initial application and said he doesn't anticipate any significant changes in the final version.

Christina expressed curiosity about the potential impact of Oregon Judicial Department's funding on the application, particularly concerning the interplay between the pre-trial program and the department's plans. She wondered if this might alter the application's focus.

The Chair responded that they would continue operating as they had been, expecting it to take some time for the positions to be filled and for the jail commander and pre-trial to assess the potential changes. He anticipated that any changes might not be apparent in the first year. Chair McDonald mentioned discussions with the jail commander about potential pivots and conceptual adjustments in response to the new dynamics.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Clackamas County Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Semi-Annual Report. Commissioner West motioned to approve, and Bruce Tarbox seconded the motion. With no "nay" votes from any members present, the vote was unanimous. No objections or further discussions were raised, and the motion was passed. Motion to approve West second Bruce

Discussion Item – Update on Capacity Building Grant

Chair McDonald introduced upcoming agenda items that will be presented to LPSCC and said there will be more items to discuss in September. He provided an update on the work related to the capacity-building grant from the CJC. National Policy Consensus Center at Portland State University is working with him and Elizabeth White to lay the groundwork for this discussion. The grant focuses on creating an action plan for LPSCC. The first phase involves organizing a half-day in-person session, likely in October, where LPSCC members will discuss priorities, the role of LPSCC in Clackamas County, and considerations regarding data and LPSCC's structure. He indicated LPSCC will consider changing the bylaws.

Chair McDonald emphasized the importance of member commitment to attending the facilitated session in October. He said Elizabeth will be sending out availability requests for the first week of October.

Other Business

Chair McDonald discussed the September meeting, where he will present the Community Corrections 2023-2025 Biennial Plan. This plan outlines the allocation of Community Corrections funding receives for supervising adults and includes the CSAP and residential programs. LPSCC's approval is needed before finalizing the plan.

Chair McDonald mentioned the review process for allocating 10% of the JRP funds to victims. He stated that Mary Rumbaugh will present the findings of the review panel to LPCC. LPSCC will then decide whether to approve the panel's funding recommendation.

Christina posed a question to Chair McDonald about the facilitated conversation related to the capacity-building grant, inquiring about the duration of the in-person session. Chair McDonald confirmed that they were looking for a four-hour block for this session and assured Elizabeth would confirm the specific time.

Chair McDonald expressed gratitude for everyone's flexibility and encouraged attendance at the upcoming in-person sessions. Chair McDonald concluded the meeting, expressing appreciation for the cooperation and looking forward to the September in-person meeting for further dialogue on impactful justice system matters.

Public Comment

- No public comments.