



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

**Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**5:00 – 6:30 pm**

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

**Members present:** Malcolm McDonald, Mary Rumbaugh, Bruce Tarbox, Sheriff Angela Brandenburg, District Attorney John Wentworth, Christina McMahan, Chief Shaun Davis, Judge Ann Lininger, Commissioner Ben West, and Rod Cook.

**Guests present:** Elizabeth White, Apryl Herron, Trent Wilson, Undersheriff Jesse Ashby, Undersheriff Jenna Morrison, and Manuel Padilla

**Welcome and Overview of Meeting Objectives**

- Chair Malcolm McDonald welcomed meeting participants and informed the group that he had contacted the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for more details about the initial deflection funding application. He emphasized the need for a coordinator to manage and present the required information under HB 4002. Chair McDonald also noted that LPSCC will consider whether to form an official subcommittee or have an informal group that can bring information back to LPSCC for review.
- Chair McDonald said the District Attorney's (DA) office is leading the application process and highlighted the funding requirement of a dedicated, full-time coordinator. He asked the group to consider where this coordinator should be located.
- Mary Rumbaugh noted Measure 110 funding has been allocated to local community-based organizations to form a Behavioral Health Network (BHRN) of services for people with substance use disorders. Mary discussed the pros and cons of outsourcing the coordinator position to a community-based organization.
- Sheriff Angela Brandenburg mentioned a meeting between sheriffs and the Impact Grants Committee, where they discussed the allocation of grant funds for law enforcement, the need for coordinators to manage deflection programs, and potential involvement of community-based providers.
- Meeting participants discussed the pros and cons of outsourcing deflection program management, considering additional costs, the need for program control, and identifying outcome measures.
- Participants agreed LPSCC needs to guide the program and start small while working towards expansion, given the need for additional funding and sustaining the program over time.

**Discussion – Clackamas County's Deflection Model**

- District Attorney (DA) John Wentworth shared the initial thought for deflection, which involves issuing a citation for a court date 30 days out. Eligible individuals would have the option of engaging in deflection during their court date. He mentioned Community Court as a possible deflection pathway.

- Participants discussed the importance of developing pathways to care for those who aren't in crisis and the need to invest in sobering, outpatient, and recovery services. They also discussed complexities of managing individuals eligible for deflection who require medical attention and discussed the need for additional investments to support connections to care.
- DA Wentworth indicated the potential number of possession of controlled substance (PCS) cases related to the implementation of HB 4002 is approximately 120 in 10 months.
- Sheriff Brandenburg discussed eligibility for deflection and policies regarding companion cases. Chair McDonald mentioned that companion cases have been seen with individuals on supervision who have come back with PCS attached to probation. It is unclear at this time how often patrol officers will encounter situations where an arrest decision is based solely on possession.
- Meeting participants discussed law enforcement deflection pathways and implementation challenges. One potential pathway is for law enforcement to issue a citation. Chief Davis noted potential issues faced by neighborhoods when an individual is cited and then asked to leave the area. Mary discussed the importance of getting buy-in from law enforcement due to the significant challenges associated with implementing citations under Measure 110.
- Participants discussed the long-term goal of offering 24-hour deflection, whether by patrol or someone from a community-based organization connecting an individual to services. The ideal process reduces wait time and increases engagement in services. LPSCC members advised testing the proposed process before substantial investments are made.
- DA Wentworth discussed a possible deflection pathway where law enforcement issues a citation and the individual appears in court with options for connections to care. Mary and others mentioned law enforcement will need to see the impact of these actions to encourage participation in a citation pathway.
- Participants discussed starting smaller with specific agencies and then moving towards program expansion and participation by all agencies. They also mentioned the need for additional resources to provide necessary services.
- The group discussed the risks associated with charging individuals with possession-related crimes in regards to the chain of evidence, noting the testing procedures and protocols in place to ensure safety.
- Mary discussed the need for collaboration and coordination between agencies involved in the program. She said it is essential to identify the agencies involved in deflection and ensure they are all at the table for discussions. She indicated LPSCC will need to identify a representative from one of the agencies involved in the BHRN to participate in the planning process.
- Mary suggested focusing on building up community navigation teams and connecting to existing programs like LEAD to support the deflection program. Mary indicated the intention is not for the LEAD team or other existing outreach programs to do additional work, but ensure coordination.
- Mary mentioned the next step is to determine who will be the contractor for deflection services. Another decision point is whether to keep the focus area narrow and pilot it first, with the idea of expansion with additional funding next year. She discussed the need to establish a program coordinator and workgroup to address all necessary details for the deflection program.
- Chair McDonald said he reached out to CJC for clarification about the requirements related to the coordinator position. He indicated that the intent of hiring a coordinator can be included in the application. Additionally, he

recommended the funding application demonstrate Clackamas County is making progress towards resolving the issue of a dedicated coordinator.

- Trent Wilson noted that planning grant money will be available after October. He said the group needs to consider cities and advised LPSCC to keep them in mind as the program is built. He said the legislative intent is for deflection within the county boundaries. Therefore, if the group chooses to focus on a specific area, the program will need to be countywide to meet the intent of legislation.
- DA Wentworth noted offering deflection differently in each city poses constitutional challenges. The group discussed ways to advance a countywide approach while starting with a focus on the core area with the highest population and availability of resources.
- Participants talked about the role of navigators in connecting individuals with community-based organizations and resources. Navigators could help individuals understand the court system, including the importance of showing up for court, and provide support for court appearances.
- Mary noted the idea behind building a deflection program is to create multiple touchpoints for individuals seeking help and support. Mary mentioned that the long-term vision is to have mobile teams that are geographically based, rather than centrally based, available 24/7.
- Mary mentioned that the deflection program will also receive additional jail diversion dollars to provide further support to individuals. This funding will be used to create additional touchpoints for individuals seeking help and support through the program.

#### **Determining LPSCC's Role in Guiding Implementation**

- Clackamas County intends to establish a deflection program by using the existing resources in the DA's office for program coordination while searching for a full-time coordinator.
- The DA's office will be responsible for the coordinator position and ensure the coordinator collaborates effectively with all parties, records and reports the appropriate metrics. LPSCC will oversee the development of the deflection program.

#### **Discussion – Identify Next Steps**

- LPSCC members suggested the DA's office hold the coordinator position. The DA's Office is convening a workgroup with community partners to refine the details of the deflection program and will present their findings to LPSCC for review and guidance.
- Meeting participants discussed the need to coordinate with the BHRNs and have someone representing them. The network comprises 16 agencies.
- Mary suggested the BHRN representative should be someone who can help the group at a higher level as a decision-maker. She talked about the opportunity to present information about the funding of the BHRN through Measure 110 in terms of recovery housing, peer support, and other related areas.
- LPSCC members agreed that Mary should reach out and nominate someone representing a BHRN agency to join this discussion.

- Rod Cook suggested that other systems and initiatives should be brought in to explore all possibilities and identify good connection points. Participants agreed on the need to set up a system that allows for better coordination and communication between various stakeholders.

#### **Public Comment**

- No public comment.