



Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
Christina McMahan, Chair
Richard Swift, Vice-Chair

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2019

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Development Services Building Room 301

Members present: Emily Brault, Martin Cohen, Korene Mather, John Foote, Ken Humberston, Seth Lyon, Christina McMahan, Malcolm McDonald, Craig Roberts, Mary Rumbaugh, Richard Swift, Bruce Tarbox

Guests present: Simon Fulford, Valerie Adrian, Tovah Blumenthal, Kimberlee DeSantis, Chris Owen

Welcome/Introductions

Chair Christina McMahan welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order at 12:02pm. She stated that several members had time constraints and would need to leave early, so she was rearranging the agenda to take care of critical business first, including votes on the Community Corrections Biennial Plan and Justice Reinvestment Grant amendment request.

Discussion and Approval of Community Corrections 2019-2020 Biennial Plan

Community Corrections Director Malcolm McDonald provided information about the plan, and explained that it reflects a \$1.4 million decrease in funds from the last biennium. The reduction is due to a combination of factors – over-forecasting on a statewide level, as well as a reduction in the number of clients Community Corrections supervised on Parole and Probation. He explained that they have some carryover funds due to unfilled positions and this has allowed them to operate at current levels – it will continue to do so for another year. The current plan has been adapted to fit their strategic plan and represents a comprehensive cross-section of the programs operated by Corrections.

There was discussion about why corrections caseloads could be decreasing and DA caseloads increasing at the same time, and that there is a need for better data systems and ability to share data among partners, including Corrections, Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. Chair McMahan remarked that the lack of data puts the LPSCC in a position of making decisions without adequate information. She mentioned a system that was built in Multnomah County with

contributions from all partners – the investment resulted in a data collection system and data analyst position and she suggested looking for pilot funding from the Legislature to develop a data system to capture information needed by all partners.

After the discussion, Chair McMahan asked for a motion. Emily Brault moved to approve the Biennial Plan, Seth Lyon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, except for Malcolm McDonald, who abstained due to conflict of interest.

Discussion and Approval of 2017-2019 Justice Reinvestment Amendment to move funds from one program to another

Malcolm McDonald provided information about the proposed amendment, which will reallocate 17/19 JRI funding into the current budget. The amendment will move unexpended funding in the Pretrial program (due to the late start of the program) to Short Term Transitional Leave and to CSAP. He explained that the carryforward may only be used for existing programs and must be spent or returned to the state.

After discussion and comments, Chair McMahan called for a motion. Richard Swift moved to approve the amendment, Bruce Tarbox seconded the motion. Except for Malcolm McDonald, who abstained because of a conflict of interest, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – approval of minutes from July 23, 2019 meeting

Chair McMahan asked if there any requests for changes to the minutes, and when there were none, called for a motion. Richard Swift moved to approve the minutes as written, John Foote seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous – motion passed.

Public Input

Chair McMahan asked if members of the public had any comments or input. Simon Fulford asked questions about short-term outcomes and if LPSCC can request or mandate measurements on other outcomes. Malcolm McDonald replied that Corrections subcontractors collect data and report separately from the state system. Christina McMahan also stated that it would be beneficial if LPSCC members received training to increase understanding of long and short-term outcomes, baseline measures, etc.

Adjourn

Chair McMahan thanked members and guests for their participation and she adjourned the meeting at 1:07pm.