

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

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting May 16th, 2023 12:00 – 1:00 pm Zoom Webinar

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

Guests present: Elizabeth White, Scott Clemans, and Valerie Adrian.

Scott Clemans, 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. Scott 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 <a href="mailto:ClackCoNews@clackamas.us">ClackCoNews@clackamas.us</a>. He said public comments would be held at 12:50 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 12:06 p.m. Chair McDonald welcomed members and guests.

## Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes from March 6th and 20th, 2023

The chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 6th and 20th, 2023. Bruce Tarbox motioned to approve. Christina McMahan then drew attention to a minor error in the March 20th minutes, specifically the misspelling of Sonji Moore's name, and requested a correction be made. Judge Lininger seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The chair proceeded to call for a vote to approve the minutes with the requested change, and all voting members present expressed their agreement without any "nay" votes.

# Discussion and approval of the Preliminary Clackamas County Justice Reinvestment (JRP) Grant Application

Chair McDonald introduced the next agenda item, which involved the approval of the preliminary application for the 23-25 Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP), also known as JRI. He informed attendees that Elizabeth White had already shared the document with LPSCC members prior to the meeting. The chair then explained if funding is secured, current programs, such as the pre-trial program, Clackamas Substance Abuse Program (CSAP), and short-term transitional leave program would be maintained. However, the exact budget allocation will be determined once the legislative session concludes.

The chair mentioned potential use of grant funds to address the needs of homeless individuals who are on pre-trial or released from jail with pending court dates and the possibility of conducting outreach work to support this population. However, he emphasized these were preliminary concepts that require further discussions with the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) and other groups. The chair expressed confidence in continued support from the legislature for CJC and CJC initiatives such as the JRP. He mentioned pre-trial programs across the state are funded through the JRP and reassured attendees that such funding would likely continue. Additionally, he informed the group that progress reports would be presented four times throughout the biennium, with no significant changes anticipated.

The chair noted another aspect of the JRP is that 10% of the funding is allocated to victim services programs. Chair McDonald informed attendees that a competitive process will determine which local victim services programs will receive this funding. He requested the assistance of some participants in forming a subcommittee to oversee this process.

After providing this update, the chair invited questions or discussions regarding the preliminary application or the overall process. Mary Rumbaugh expressed concern about the risk of reduced funding, and the chair assured her that they would review the budget allocation and make necessary adjustments accordingly. Adam Freer raised a technical issue regarding an acronym, STTL, which the chair clarified as short-term transitional leave.

Adam further shared that his team was in the planning phase of a new Department of Justice grant aimed at providing employment services to individuals reintegrating into society after incarceration. He mentioned these services could potentially be extended to individuals in diversion programs, including those previously mentioned. This new development had the potential to strengthen the proposal, and he emphasized the value of integrating these individuals into programs. The chair acknowledged the significance of workforce support and improvements for individuals released from prison and commended Adam's team for their work.

Having addressed the raised points, the Chair called for a motion to approve the preliminary JRP application. Adam motioned to approve, and Bruce 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.

Chair McDonald expressed his gratitude for the support and participation of the LPSCC members and thanked Rod Cook for attending the meeting and helping establish a quorum.

#### Other Business

Chair McDonald discussed the agendas of future meetings, specifically highlighting an upcoming meeting with the county council to address LPSCC's bylaws. He explained that changes were necessary regarding the representative from the Department of Human Services (DHS) since Seth Lyon is no longer in that position. He indicated the importance of addressing this matter in the bylaws and determining the appropriate course of action. Chair McDonald mentioned his intention to connect with Christina, who has prior knowledge as the former chair, to discuss this further.

Elizabeth raised a question regarding Seth's involvement in the LPSCC subcommittee for Advancing Racial Equity in Public Safety. The chair clarified that subcommittees have specific requirements in terms of LPSCC member representation, and they need to refer to the bylaws to ensure compliance with the appropriate number. He also mentioned the addition of Chief Strait as a new member and acknowledged the need to review the overall membership and its composition in the future.

The Chair then called for volunteers to assist with the Justice Reinvestment Victim Services application process. He encouraged interested individuals to reach out to him directly or indicated that he may contact them personally. Additionally, he mentioned that future meetings may include the presentation that was canceled on this particular day due to unforeseen circumstances.

#### **Public Comment**

No public comments.