

# LPSCC Executive Committee Meeting



*Summary Minutes for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012*

## Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

### LPSCC Executive Committee Members In Attendance

Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County  
Commissioner, District #3

Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public  
Defenders

Judge Julie Frantz, Chief Criminal Court Judge

Karen Gray, Superintendent, Parkrose School  
District

Judy Hadley, Citizen Representative

Deborah Hansen, Regional Director, Oregon  
Youth Authority

Suzanne Hayden, Citizens' Crime Commission

Joan Rice for David Hidalgo, Interim Director,  
County Mental Health Services

Bill Williams for Amanda Marshall, U.S. Attorney

Diane McKeel, Multnomah County  
Commissioner, District #4

Maureen McKnight, Chief Family Court Judge

Susan Myers, Director, County Human Services

Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Coordinator

Michael Schrunk, District Attorney

Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County  
Commissioner, District #3

Tim Moore for Dan Staton, Multnomah County  
Sheriff

Scott Taylor, Director, Department of  
Community Justice

Rod Underhill, District Attorney Elect

Judge Nan Waller, Presiding Circuit Court Judge

### Other Attendees

Galina Abrams, Multnomah County IT

Kim Bernard, DCJ

Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator

Drew Brosh, Multnomah County Sheriff's  
Office

Shannon Busby, Multnomah County Budget  
Office

James Carter,

Sofia Chavier, Mayor's Office

Chris Clancy, IT Manager, Multnomah County

Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders Oregon

Keith Falkenberg, District 3 staff

Carl Goodman, DCJ

Jason Heilbrun, County IT - Public Safety

Jeff Howes, District Attorney's Office

Neal Japport, Oregon Judicial Department

Steve March, County Auditor's Office

Shea Marshman, Multnomah County Sheriff's  
Office

Ginger Martin, Department of Community  
Justice

Alison Noice, CODA, Inc.

Ted Salter, Children's Justice Alliance

Allyson Spencer, District #3 staff

Corie Wiren, Commissioner McKeel's Office

### LPSCC Staff

Peter Ozanne, Executive Director

Matt O'Keefe, Analyst

Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber, Executive  
Assistant

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Multnomah  
County

Commissioner Judy Shiprack called the meeting to order.

### **Announcements**

Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator, announced that the Domestic Violence Coordination Office, together with criminal justice partners, will apply for a grant offered by the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Homicide Prevention Initiative. The grant would fund a one-year project conducting a community assessment to identify opportunities to improve identification of and response to high-risk domestic violence cases in arenas including police, prosecution, probation, and victim services.

Rod Underhill, District Attorney Elect, announced that Multnomah County has been awarded a three year \$600,000 award that will provide funding for a deputy district attorney and a full-time administrator for the non-profit group, 11:45, to continue their work in the Albina/Killingsworth area. The project is a partnership between the District Attorney's office, 11:45, the Portland Police Bureau, Office of Youth Violence Prevention, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Albina Safe Neighborhoods Commission, Multnomah County Circuit Court and local neighborhood associations to attack street level crime and disorder and to combat gang activity by channeling certain gang members through court supervised mentorships with area faith-based and community mentors. LPSCC will provide research and data for the project.

Presiding Judge Nan Waller announced the recent Oregon Court of Appeals decision, the State of Oregon v. Fuller, that found that defendants charged with misdemeanors reduced to violations cannot be denied a jury trial. LPSCC members and involved agencies have been discussing the implications of the decision and several present at the meeting noted the case's significance and potential for increasing costs across the public safety system.

Lane Borg, Director of the Metropolitan Public Defenders, announced that his agency will provide legal services as part of a Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant awarded to Transition Projects, Inc. to remove barriers for veterans to employment and housing.

Peter Ozanne announced that a discussion of the Inter-Governmental Budgeting Process will take place at the November LPSCC meeting.

Commissioner Judy Shiprack announced that the LPSCC Emergency Population Release Workgroup has formed and will report to LPSCC in February. LPSCC members with an interest in joining the workgroup should contact LPSCC Executive Assistant Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber.

Commissioner Shiprack announced several calendar updates: LPSCC will hold a regular Executive Committee meeting on December 4th, the What Works Conference will take place January 11<sup>th</sup>, and the LPSCC retreat will take place in March.

### **DSS-J Policy Committee**

*Related documents at the LPSCC website, [lpscc.org](http://lpscc.org): [DSS-J Strategic Plan](#); [DSS-J Brief](#).*

Committee Co-Chairs Commissioner Judy Shiprack and Multnomah County District Court Administrator Doug Bray introduced the DSS-J Policy Committee report. As background, Doug Bray reminded the group that in 2008, LPSCC coordinated a study of the public safety system for the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. Findings included the recommendation that DSS-J be leveraged as a decision-making tool, and resulted in hiring an analyst and transferring DSS-J oversight to LPSCC under the auspices of the DSS-J Policy Committee.

Public Safety Analyst Matt O'Keefe presented an overview of DSS-J assets, tools, uses, and status. He distributed a DSS-J Brief and an updated Strategic Action Plan for 2012-2013 (linked above). DSS-J will soon complete migration to a SQL server that will allow faster data processing and reduce technology costs. During the transition, several other improvements have also been made to functions such as person linking, recidivism analysis, and sentencing support. The DSS-J team is conducting outreach to users and creating a data dictionary to make the data more accessible.

The Executive Committee discussed the DSS-J Policy Committee's function overseeing requests for new users. Lane Borg commented that expanded access to DSS-J could lead to increased and varied usage, but noted the tension between security and creativity in giving access. Scott Taylor, Director, Department of Community Justice, commented that the data is complex and most accessible to him when it comes in the form of standardized, simplified reports. Several commented that PSU researchers could provide valuable outside expertise and make the data more widely accessible through analysis.

### **Multnomah County Jail Facilities Capacity Management Plan**

*Related documents: Multnomah County Jail Facilities [Capacity Management Plan](#).*

Chief Deputy Drew Brosh presented an overview of Multnomah County's Jail Facilities Capacity Management Plan. The plan establishes when emergency releases are required, defines mitigation strategies, and sets the criteria for choosing pre-trial inmates for release. The plan was developed by the Sheriff's Office, the Courts, the Department of Community Justice, the County Attorney's Office, and the District Attorney's Office and last approved by the Board of Commissioners in September 2010.

The current jail system capacity is 1,310 inmates and the criteria for declaring an emergency is 95 percent occupancy. The system has been at or around 95 percent occupancy since February of 2012. Inmates are scored for potential release based on the seriousness of their charge through conversation between the Sheriff, the District Attorney, Judges, County Counsel and others, and others using the criteria set out in the Emergency Capacity Management Plan. Inmates with lower scores are released earlier. Inmates with certain charges, including Measure 11 crimes, domestic violence and others are given high scores that place them last on the list to be considered for release. Some inmates, such as those in cases where a victim may still be at risk, are exceptions from the scoring system and may be placed on a "Y" list making them completely ineligible for release.

Scott Taylor commented that on any given day, approximately one third of beds are occupied by people who are on supervision and being sanctioned for parole violations. He said those people are frequently blocked from being released per policy. He raised the question of whether it was an effective use of resources to hold them, as well who would fill the beds if those inmates were released, and suggested that these could be pursued in the LPSCC Emergency Population Release Workgroup.

Discussion of the agenda item, "Initiative to Address Racial Overrepresentation in the Justice System" was postponed due to time constraints.

**Next LPSCC Meeting: November 6, 7:30-9:00 am**

**Questions, comments or suggestions?** Contact Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber at [mary.wheeler-weber@multco.us](mailto:mary.wheeler-weber@multco.us), 503-988-5659