



Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
Mental Health and Public Safety Subcommittee

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Multnomah County Courthouse - Room 338
1021 SW 4th Avenue- Portland, OR 97204

Meeting Notes

Attendees

Judge Ed Jones, Chief Criminal Court Judge, Subcommittee Chair

Judge Cheryl Albrecht, OJD

Erika Armsbury, Central City Concern

Laura Cohen, LPSCC

Jean Dentinger, MHASD

David Hildago, MHASD

Heeseung Kang, Corrections Health

Ann Kasper, Peer Advocate

Chuck Lovell, PPB

John McVay, DCJ

Commissioner Sharon Meieran, District #1

William Nuneman, PSU

Stephanie Prybyl, MCSO

Adam Renon, Chair's Office

Neal Rotman, MHASD

Kyle Schwab, Commissioner Meieran's Office

Eric Sevos, Cascadia

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC

Brendan Stabeno, MCDA

Christina Youssi, LPSCC

Welcome and Introductions

The Honorable Edward Jones, Chief Criminal Court Judge and Subcommittee Chair

Announcements

Judge Jones is retiring December 31, 2017.

Ann Kasper will also be leaving the committee and her role as a peer advocate.

Dept. of Community Justice (DCJ) Mental Health Unit Expansion

John McVay, Dept of Community Justice

DCJ is reviewing the referral process for the Mental Health Unit. DCJ's Southwest Mental Health Unit will pilot a screening tool from the National Institute of Justice designed to be used by non-clinicians. When someone screens positive, they will go into a pool; a clinician will work with the PO evaluate the individual. There will be gender-specific risk assessments. John suggested a workgroup figure out the logistics to get the evaluation from the attorneys to the MH unit.

Future of the Aid and Assist Docket

The Honorable Edward Jones

Tuesday afternoons there is an Aid and Assist Docket at the Justice Center. Starting in January, the same judge will be doing the Mental Health Court (post adjudication) and the Aid and Assist Docket.



Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Strategy: Mental Health Diversion

Abbey Stamp, Director LPSCC

Abbey Stamp announced the Safety and Justice Challenge All-Sites Visit in New Orleans in October. She will be attending the behavioral health sessions to reduce jail use for people with mental health issues. If the SJC money is awarded, the county will develop a service similar to the STP program but for women, with gender and cultural specific programming. Peers need to be included on the planning committee.

Another SJC strategy is to begin release planning once an inmate with mental health issues is admitted.

The Aid and Assist work was included in the package submitted to MacArthur.

The creation a Mental Health Diversion drop-off at Cascadia is in the planning stage.

Sheriff's Office Implementation of Audit Recommendations

Stephanie Prybyl, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Stephanie Prybyl noted the 3 audits of the Sheriff's Office (Corrections Grand Jury, Use of Force, and Disability Rights Oregon). There were 75 recommendations total that fit into 3 areas. For more information, contact Stephanie at MCSO. There will be a public briefing before the board in November.

Mental Health Systems Review Project

Commissioner Sharon Meieran, District 1

Commissioner Sharon Meieran is interested in systems integration and has advocated for hiring an organization to conduct a 6-month Mental Health Systems review.

Community Reviews of Unity

Ann Kasper, Peer and Advocate

Ann Kasper expressed what she felt was missing at Unity. Ann has witnessed two arrests at Unity. Commissioner Meieran and Ann will continue the conversation.

Corrections Health Updates

Heeseung Kang, Corrections Health Mental Health Manager

Heeseung Kang was hired as a mental health manager. Other updates include:

- addition of a Mental Health Supervisor position
- addition of two Mental Health Consultant positions
- enhanced access to mental health providers
- redecorated mental health observation unit
- continued MCSO enhancements

Judge Jones suggested the 370 team and the inside consultants rotate jobs.



Other Agency Updates

There was discussion about the creation of a Mental Health Dorm. There is concern the dorm will fill up quickly and that housing people in mental health crisis together is not the right solution.

The meeting was adjourned