

LPSCC

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Mental Health and Public Safety Subcommittee

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

11:45 am – 1:30 pm

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

Meeting Notes

Attendees

Judge Nan Waller, Subcommittee Chair

Judge Cheryl Albrecht, OJD

Amy Anderson, Advocate

Sibylle Baer, Attorney Cartwright Baer Johansson

MaryClaire Buckley, PPB

Katie Burgard, MCSO

Jean Dentinger, MHASD

David Hidalgo, MHASD

John McVay, DCJ

Commissioner Sharon Meieran, District #1

Staci Moritz, MHASD

Adam Renon, Chair's Office

Neal Rotman, MHASD

Kathleen Roy, Central City Concern

Dr. Michael Seale, Corrections Health

Katie Shriver, District #1 Office

Eric Sevos, Cascadia

Chuck Sparks, MCDA

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC

Lt. Chris Wheelwright, PPB

Christina Youssi, LPSCC

Welcome and Introductions

Judge Nan Waller noted this meeting is her first LPSCC Mental Health Subcommittee meeting. Introductions were made.

An overview of activities happening at the intersection of mental health and public safety were shared.

Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Mental Health Strategies

- Women's Program
- Mental Health Diversion
- Aid & Assist / Rapid Evaluation Program

Abbey Stamp made the following comments:

- The bulk of the MacArthur funds will pay for an Afrocentric women's shelter and mental health program for females on probation.
- In November, under Sheriff Reese's leadership, PPB and Cascadia launched a mental health diversion pilot with Cascadia. Currently working on utilizing this option more.
- In partnership with the Best Practice Implementation Academy Convening, the County will be providing technical assistance.
- There is a meeting every Monday to go over the Aid & Assist Docket to triage who would be appropriate for rapid evaluation. There needs to be more slots. Cost savings are \$10 for every dollar. Does not address the frequent flyers. MHASD has a one-pager available.



Unity Center Updates

Judge Waller toured the Unity Center yesterday. Ten days is the average stay, which is not very long to transition into another placement. The majority of utilizers were walk-ins. Unity has reached capacity. All five hospitals have a different culture, efforts are underway to get everyone on the same page. The Board of County Commissioners approved the lease for 22 transitional housing units.

Commissioner Meieran stressed the need to be able to determine when level of criminal behavior makes going to Unity unsafe.

Sheriff's Office Implementation of Audit Recommendations

Katie Burgard, MCSO, and Dr. Michael Seale, Corrections Health, gave an update on the 3 reviews of their system: Grand Jury Report, The Use of Force Report, and Disability Rights of Oregon's review. There were 75 recommendations that fell within 4 categories. Improvements in accountability, custody, access to the call center and other emergency information sharing were highlighted.

Dept. of Community Justice Mental Health Unit Expansion

John McVay, Dept of Community Justice, noted several changes to the Mental Health Unit, including increasing POs, evaluations to help determine needs, and looking at a day treatment/drop-in model. Residential treatment is a big gap.

Mental Health Systems Review Project

Commissioner Sharon Meieran, District #1, gave an overview of the Mental Health Systems Review Project, which was launched in response to the need for a consistent overview of how mental health services are provided throughout the county. HSRI is the consultant doing the systems analysis. There are community listening sessions and they are using the World Cafe model. The next event is February 6th. There will be a draft report in April.

This may help inform the 2019 What Works Conference.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Pilot Project

David Hidalgo, MHASD, noted AOT is another option to assist individuals slipping through the cracks. This may be brought before the 2019 legislature. More data is needed. There will be a Civil Commitment Workgroup in the 2019 session.

Other Agency Updates

Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has been working on community outreach. PPB has put together some trainings for downtown businesses.

There was discussion around whether trainings could address panhandling as well as trainings for Clean and Safe. Judge Waller noted the Citizens Crime Commission Civility Conference, which aimed to give people tools.

David Hidalgo noted the county offers Mental Health First Aid Training that is available to the community.

The meeting was adjourned.