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Local Public Safety Coordinating Council  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

## **Mental Health and Public Safety Subcommittee**

*Wednesday, November 13, 2019*

*12:00-1:30pm*

Multnomah County Courthouse - Room 338  
1021 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue- Portland, OR 97204

### **Attendance**

Judge Nan Waller, Subcommittee Chair

Amy Anderson, Cascadia  
Barbara Anderson, Advocate  
Ruthie Benjamin, AMHSAAC  
Sheri Campbell, Government Relations  
John Casalino, MCDA  
Stephanie Herro, PPB  
Lt. Casey Hettman, PPB  
Laura Cohen, Cascadia  
Cpt. Nick Jarmer, MCSO  
Liv Jenssen, DCJ  
John McVay, DCJ

Sharon Meieran, District 1 Commissioner  
Mario Odighizwawa, Nami  
William Osborne, MHASD  
Sarah Radcliffe, DRO  
Barb Rainish, Advocate  
Barb Snow, Cascaidia  
Abbey Stamp, LPSCC  
Chris Thomas, GOBHI  
Stu Walker, DCJ  
Mary Wallace, Corrections Health  
Nancy Walters, DCJ  
Christina Youssi, LPSCC

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Judge Waller opened the meeting and introductions were made.

### **II. Sequential Intercept Mapping Results**

Abbey Stamp gave background and purpose for the September 20th Sequential Intercept Mapping process. Details can be found on documents [Portland Street Response-Final Work Group Recommendations](#) and the [Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Executive Summary](#).

Highlights included:

- The SIM is a tool to identify opportunities for diverting people with behavioral health conditions away from the criminal justice system.
- Opportunities to do the exercise include the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, Commissioner Meieran's efforts on the Multnomah County Mental Health System Analysis and the Portland Street Response pilot program development. LPSCC worked with PRA to bring the exercise to Portland on September 20, 2019 to map intercepts 0 and 1 (Community Services and Law Enforcement).

Takeaways included:

- Valuable to come together to get to know each other and learn about the whole system
- Valuable to articulate that City, County, and non-profits do a lot at the front end, but have gaps at the back end.
- Realization there is overwhelming complexity of services at the front end.

Next Steps:

- The Portland Street Response proposal goes before City Council late November. We anticipate the proposal will be approved.
- Figure out an evaluation plan.
- Commissioner Meieran noted Mayor's Office and Commissioner Hardesty want to know about the SIM-specific recommendations.

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## Discussion:

- Amy Anderson noted in 2010 there was a business agreement that partners could share information.
- There are information systems that are not always current or complete. Miscommunication where people are in the criminal justice systems (Warrants for FTA are problematic). Judge Nan Waller said there is a statewide effort to address this problem, but it will be a long process.
- LPSCC is looking at data for Out of County Holds.
- Suggestion: Failure to Appear Amnesty Docket. Judge Waller noted some efforts that have parameters.

## III. **Senate Bill 24 Work Group Progress**

*The Honorable Nan Waller, Subcommittee Chair*

- Goal is to reduce the number of people going to the Oregon State Hospital.
- At the end of the legislative session, there were some challenges identified in the legislation, so a workgroup was launched to recommend fixes.
- For those found unable to Aid & Assist, it is a violation to let them stay in jail.
- When release is not suitable, courts can order to stay in jail with hearings every 7 days.
- There have been setbacks to the fixes. If fixes cannot be found, there will likely be more litigation.
- OHA has funded Glisan Street and funded NW Regional Re-entry Center (a more structured placement out of downtown core area, but still has a lot of kinks to work out).
- The state needs to provide and fund more.
- Need to work on dissolving wall between forensic and civil clients who should have access to the same level services and treatment, based on clinical need.

Judge Waller ended by saying we are in a crisis for Aid & Assist population if we have no place for them to be other than jail.

## IV. **Chief Justice's Behavioral Health Advisory Council**

There are several government groups looking at Mental Health. Everyone agrees housing is needed. Judge Waller noted the Chief Justice's Behavioral Health Advisory Council asserts we need a national call to action. There will be a state-wide training. Looking at additional legislation (ie, IMPACTS committee), need for more forensic diversion. They have had one meeting, and there will be subcommittees and invitations to participate.

Commissioner Meieran expressed need to raise the issue of medicaid reimbursement.

Judge Waller noted the Courts will have listening sessions focused on Behavioral Health after the first of the year. There will be a youth mental health town hall in February. Commissioner Meieran will share more as details develop. The two events should be coordinated.

## V. **New Beds: NW Regional Re-entry Center for Aid & Assist clients**

Oregon Health Authority has been looking at a federal program for re-entry and pretrial placements. NW Regional Re-entry Center is a more structured placement out of downtown core area, but still has a lot of kinks to work out. There is hope DCJ will have access to some dual diagnosis placements. DCJ is currently looking at contract for 4 beds (\$100,000 a year per bed), and will have to consider sustainability. DCJ is also trying to build some step-down resources, but still lacking supported housing.

## VI. **CSG Grant for Mental Health Court**

Mental Health Court will now receive funding and will hire a court coordinator. DCJ will leverage existing contract with Case Coordination to get people stabilized and will increase the number of Cascadia clinicians.

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Amy Anderson noted the services (insurance, food stamps, etc) that stop when someone goes to jail. John McVay said they have services to help, and Commissioner Meieran stated the need to audit to make sure it is happening.

## **VII. Other Agency Updates and Issues**

Commissioner Meieran noted the Behavioral Health Resource Center (formerly the Bushong Building) includes:

- longer-term transitional housing
- mental health shelter
- peer-driven drop-in center.

Commissioner Meieran ended with a warning that emergency rooms are seeing a rise in meth use. She also noted there will be no ongoing contract with the sobering station CHIERS, and they are not equipped to deal with meth.

**Next Meeting:**  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020