

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
February 15, 2011
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR**

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present.

I. BOARD BRIEFINGS

B.1 Informational Board Briefing on Streams of Offenders System of Care & Funding Sources. Presenters: Peter Ozanne, Executive Director, Public Safety Coordinating Council; Dan Staton, Sheriff; Drew Brosh, Sheriff's Office; Mike Schrunk, District Attorney; Scott Taylor, Director, DCJ; & Joanne Fuller, Interim COO.

Ms. Fuller made introductions and provided the overview. First, the Board heard how the Public Safety System works. Second, they reviewed a spreadsheet that shows all program offers in the Criminal Justice system, and include offender type, program descriptions, total expenditures, funding sources and expenditures. Third, discussion of those funds at most risk in the State's process and those where the Board has primary decision-making about the allocation of those resources.

Mr. Ozanne gave an overview of the three-part Public Safety System. He discussed the adult criminal offense process and roles of law enforcement, MCSO corrections, the District Attorney, steps leading up to court arraignment, processing of felony versus misdemeanor cases, the segments of a court trial, DCJ's roles, MCSO corrections and State prison and support services needed.

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the District Attorney's role with each department within the public safety system. He discussed the work the DA's office does with the court, defense counsel, social services and other programs. The bulk of funding is Federal or State money and portions are passed on to partnering agencies. They continue to evaluate the entire system of care under their jurisdiction, stay mindful of costs and the importance of public safety and look for alternative funding.

Sheriff Staton discussed the drivers of funding for the Sheriff's Department and the role they have with each department within the public safety system. He touched on the work done by the various departments and their sources of funding including the County's general fund, Federal and State funds, IGAs and other sources. The largest portion of the budget is dedicated to the jail programs. He discussed the costs and the services they provide there, including programs to assist people re-entering society. They work closely with DCJ and neither can avoid cost expenditures but are evaluating the programs offered. He said their biggest concern is the US Marshall's 1145 program money that funds and keeps 696 beds open in the jail system. It is his belief that the

Sheriff's office has reduced to core services over the past several years and those core services are paramount, so funding needs to be stabilized in those areas.

Mr. Taylor discussed DCJ's system, which is based on a risk model and evaluating offenders for their potential risk of committing another crime. He talked about the political, social and economic dynamics. Areas at risk of losing State funding are mostly through the US Marshall's 1145 program.

Ms. Fuller talked about the impacts on families, and how long jail sentences can cause the inmates to lose jobs, housing and support systems. She emphasized the importance of having Government Relations monitor the pulse of the State and bringing the Board frequent updates.

Captain Brosh discussed the County's general fund for jail beds, and the jail bed cost study and how the costs are spread through the system. He stated that he would get back to the Commissioners with specifics.

B.2 POSTPONED - Informational Board Briefing on Anti-Poverty Systems of Care and Funding Sources. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, Kathy Tinkle, Karl Brimner, Lillian Shirley, Health Dept. Dir.; and Joshua Todd.

II. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Submitted by:
Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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