

**Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council**  
**January 15, 2008**  
**Douglas County Conference Room 310**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gillian Wesenberg, Chair  
Jack Banta, District Attorney  
Peggy Kennerly, Health & Social Services  
Bruce Piper, Adapt

Jerry Waybrant, DHS  
Patti Lovemark, Sutherlin School District  
Christina McMahan, Juvenile Department  
Mayor Rex Stevens, Winston

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Susan Buell, Umpqua Training  
And Employment  
Dennis O'Neill, Umpqua Community  
College  
Honorable William Lasswell, Circuit Courts

Eric Swanson, City of Roseburg  
Daniel Bouck, Public Defender

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jessie Larner, Circuit Court  
Mike Root, DC Sheriff's Office  
Aric Fromdahl, Juvenile Dept.  
Debbie Wheeler, Commission on  
Children & Families

Doug Ladd, OSP  
Keith Cordell, Parole & Probation

**Welcome and Introductions:** Gillian Wesenberg called the meeting to order at noon. Introductions were made.

**Minutes:** Gillian asked for corrections or additions to the June 12, 2007, local LPSCC meeting minutes. Rex made a motion to approve the minutes; Bruce seconded this motion. Minutes were approved by consensus.

**State Parole & Probation – Update:** Rob Willbanks, acting director for Parole & Probation, provided the following update:

- **New Mental Health Contract:** Rob reported that they have a new contract with Douglas County Mental Health which provides a variety of services. He said that they will be able to see up to 40 clients at any given time.
- **Pathfinders Program:** Rob said this contract incorporates their cognitive behavioral change curriculum. They use this both as a sanction with offenders and as an education tool. The contract is for \$190,000 with 1 FTE and 2 part-time FTE's.

**Governor's Re-Entry Initiative:** Beverly Cole has been hired as a part-time employee to facilitate the process for offenders released from state prison or local control. She will be working with both the community and the faith-based community in behalf of the offenders.

## **Douglas County Sheriff's Office – Update:**

- **Patrol:** Brian Sanders of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office reported that they have been asked to prepare two budgets for the County. Currently, their budget is around \$15 million, with \$4 million from the Safety Net. If they lose the safety net, 26 of the current 50 deputies will be cut. Of the remaining 24 deputies, 18 are paid for with a contract from Forest Service, Marine Board, Bureau of Land Management or contract cities. This will leave 6 deputies to work the outlying areas (i.e., Green) and there will not be the ability to have 24 hour coverage.
- **Investigation:** John Hanlin said that from the investigation side, they have currently done away with the street crimes division and have 4 detectives that are only investigating major crimes. Without the safety net, they will need to reevaluate how many detectives they will have.
- **Jail:** Mike Root reported that in the jail they currently have 283 beds. Without the safety net, they will go down to 85 beds. They would be housing only Measure 11 crimes and sex offenders. They would also no longer have any outside work crew or inmate workers. Additionally, they currently have 40 deputies, and without the safety net they will have only 19 deputies to run the jail.

Doug Ladd said that the State is increasing the number of parole officers. However, for Douglas County, they currently have 12 patrol officers. In the past they have had 30. With the increase, they will receive 4 new officers. Doug said that even with this increase they will not have the manpower to fill the obligations of their cooperative agreement. He emphasized that they will not have the manpower to make up the cuts with the loss of the safety net.

Rex Stevens added that the City of Winston has been discussing these issues for some time. He said that they will not be able to cross the city limits because they are not paying for the services.

Discussion followed regarding the impacts to the county with the loss of the safety net funds.

**Douglas County Juvenile Department - Update:** Christina McMahan reported that some of their basic services and diversion funding were restored during the last legislative session. Now, with the pending loss of safety net funds, they are wondering what will happen to these funds.

She said that at the last AOC Public Safety meeting there was a great deal of discussion about the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB – which has jurisdiction over persons in Oregon found to be "guilty except for insanity" of a crime). Christina added that the Legislature created a

juvenile PSRB – which is serving only 2 youth so far. Discussion concerning the PSRB followed.

Christina said that she has been given no direction concerning the safety net. She has received some inquiries from other counties concerning renting detention beds. Currently, the department has 32 beds, which was acquired through double-bunking in 8 of the rooms. In 2007, the department had a 34% increase in usage over 2006 – 29% increase in the use of detention and 39% increase in the use of shelter. The increase in shelter is primarily driven by the implementation of Touchstone program. Also, they are taking youth from the Child Welfare Program and youth through Mental Health.

In November, the Juvenile Department released their Annual Report Card to the community. Christina said that a volunteer from Umpqua Community College helped the department design the report. She said they plan to release this report by fiscal year.

Currently, she said the Juvenile Department is adopting practices that are shown to be effective. In September, they sent 6 of their staff to a cognitive behavioral interventions training – a train the trainer model. Their goal is to have 100% of the staff trained. Additionally, they are conducting an “aggression replacement training” in February 2008. Community members are welcome.

Christina said that the Juvenile Directors determined that they need to investigate the use of Federal Title IVE funding. In February, the Association has asked a national trainer to come to Oregon to discuss the development of a funding system for Oregon.

Umpqua Transit received a grant to clean and maintain the bus shelters throughout the county. They approached the Juvenile Department and asked if the youth in the shelter would like to “adopt” this project. The youth in the Touchstone program will be cleaning the bus shelters and earning money that will go towards activities for the youth.

The Department is looking into ways to “fill gaps” in services. Specifically, they are working with Mental Health to provide a ¾ FTE for mental health assessments and counseling with youth in the detention center. Also, they are in the process of finalizing a contract with Adapt to provide alcohol and drug assessments for youth in detention.

**Other:** Gillian distributed information on Measure 40 and 41. Discussion followed regarding the implications of these initiatives.

Bruce Piper announced that the RSAT program will probably end on February 24 due to lack of funding.

Peggy Kennerly said that they are working on the Biennial County Implementation Plan for mental health and addictions. She would like to bring this plan before the LPSCC in February for their review.

Gillian distributed information on a proposed “transformation” for the Department of Human Services. Jerry Waybrant said that this was a look at how to run DHS more efficiently.

**Adjournment:** Gillian adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Wheeler