



APPROVED

# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

A meeting of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

X	Judge Wells Ashby ( <i>Chair</i> )	X	Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
X	Erik Kropp, <i>Deputy County Administrator</i>	X	Anthony DeBone, <i>County Commissioner</i>
X	Shane Nelson, <i>Deschutes County Sheriff</i>	X	Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
X	Sara Crosswhite, <i>9-1-1 Operations Director</i>	X	Deevy Holcomb, <i>Community Justice Director</i>
X	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>	X	Thomas Spear, <i>Defense Attorney</i>
X	Angie Curtis, <i>Court Administrator</i>		Roger Olsen, <i>NAMI Central Oregon</i>
	Mike Krantz, <i>Bend Police Chief</i>	X	Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>
	Mike Womer, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>	X	Jason Van Meter, <i>Black Butte Police Chief</i>
X	Melanie Kebler, <i>Bend City Council</i>		Chris Seber, <i>OSP Area Commander</i>
X	Joseph Mabonga, <i>Oregon Youth Authority</i>	X	Donna Mills, <i>Citizen Member</i>
X	Erin Taylor, <i>Citizen Member</i>	X	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member</i>
X	Janice Garceau, <i>Health Services Director</i>		

**Also present were:** Holly Harris, *Health Services Deputy Director*; Rick Treleaven, *BestCare Treatment Services Executive Director*; Dawn Miller, *BestCare*; Robert Snyder, *BestCare*; Cassi MacQueen, *Saving Grace Executive Director*; Phil Chang, *Deschutes County Commissioner*; Trevor Stephens, *Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice Business Manager*; Angie Powers, *Deschutes County Board of Commissioners Administrative Assistant*.

**Media present:** None.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chair Ashby called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF PSCC MEETING MINUTES:**

Action: Motion made by Commissioner DeBone to approve the October 4, 2022 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Donna Mills

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries. Minutes adopted.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None presented.

**4. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE ADDITIONAL MONIES:**

Trevor Stephens, Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice Business Manager, discussed a grant application (Attachment 2) for \$20,200 in funds to go towards Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation gender-specific cognitive behavioral therapy. The application seeks LPSCC approval for accepting the grant award.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner DeBone to accept the grant award.

SECOND: Sheriff Shane Nelson

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

**5. BALLOT MEASURE 110 FUNDING ENHANCEMENTS FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS:**

Holly Harris, Deschutes County Health Services Deputy Director, introduced Rick Treleaven, Dawn Miller and Bob Snyder with BestCare Treatment Services.

Mr. Treleaven spoke about the Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN), which is made up of six providers, with Deschutes County Health Services and BestCare Treatment Services being the two largest. \$9 million in funding is provided to Deschutes County for substance abuse treatment and recovery. He discussed the drawbacks of Measure 110, and although he agrees with the broad goals of outreach to and engagement with those with serious substance abuse disorders, believes the network and funding should have been set up prior to implementation. He believes the state of Oregon has a long history of underfunding treatment and access related to substance abuse disorders. The state requires that the funds are used to provide a 24/7 engagement center. BestCare partners with Deschutes County Health Services at their facility on 4<sup>th</sup> and Marshall, the Taylor Center, where rapid access to treatment is provided. After-hours engagement takes place at the Stabilization Center.

Dawn Miller is at the front lines of providing these services. She started full-time on November 1 and shared some Taylor Center statistics, gathered between late-October and just before the holidays. The Taylor Center provides rapid access treatment, medication-supported recovery, needle exchange, Narcan, employment counseling and removal of barriers to employment such as photo ID, survival equipment (tents, sleeping bags, clothing, food, heaters, etc.) and other critical services.

Mr. Treleaven expressed the importance of meeting people where they're at, not where we want them to be. He commended police officers for the important work they routinely take on. In his opinion, and from a law enforcement perspective, Measure 110 citations for possession have been ineffective. However, they do align with the social work functions that police officers do on a daily basis.

Commissioner DeBone asked about the alignment of services provided by different organizations such as veteran's outreach, churches, and nonprofit organizations, and how best to strengthen the alignment of these services and take them to the next level. He expressed an interest in taking on a leadership role in this respect.

Ms. Miller spoke of the importance of not duplicating service efforts, and in coordinating with outreach staff and partners.

Janice Garceau, Deschutes County Health Services Director, expressed her concerns with how the system responds to those with substance abuse disorders. Measure 110 is a small first step towards having a significant impact on the crisis. She encouraged everyone to understand what motivates this population and how to create better policy and legislation moving forward. She hopes to build upon Measure 110 as a step towards addressing addiction and houselessness, in an effort towards better planning. Legislative advocacy is needed for sober and treatment housing, and workforce development is necessary to help this population. Treatment engagement is only one piece of their story, and helping them engage with their communities in a meaningful way is an important long-term goal to work towards.

Nick Lelack, County Administrator, asked about connecting Measure 110 funding to the Stabilization Center, since the state has requested 24/7 access for engagement. Holly Harris, Deschutes County Health Services Deputy Director, responded that it was a strategic move by Health Services to connect the Stabilization Center to the 24/7 engagement requirement. Four FTE staff members were added to the after-hour shifts at the Stabilization Center, so that services are interconnected. Measure 110 funding has allowed for additional capacity.

Melanie Kebler, Bend City Councilor, briefly discussed efforts and outreach by the Coordinated Houseless Response Office, a joint effort between Deschutes County and the cities of Bend, Redmond, La Pine and Sisters and led by Cheyenne Purrington, Executive Director.

Deevy Holcomb asked about law enforcement's optimum role towards these efforts. There is a population who needs services but who are not treatment-ready. Getting this population engaged with treatment options is a challenge, and they often have criminal charges related to substance abuse. Mr. Treleaven responded that BestCare has always had a close collaborative relationship with law enforcement. There will always be those who do not want the help, but he is optimistic that there are a large number of people with whom this collaborative relationship can be beneficial. A "rapid engagement"

model is being piloted at the Stabilization Center to open up this population to engagement.

Chair Ashby echoed the sentiment that a funding network in place prior to Measure 110 implementation would have been ideal. He thanked everyone for their comments on the topic and encouraged everyone to change the arc of Measure 110's trajectory. Commissioner DeBone again expressed an interest in taking on a leadership role in these efforts. Mr. Lelack reported that he has support from all three commissioners to work towards legislation related to Measure 110 reform. Mr. Treleven reminded everyone that a bipartisan majority of voters have voted twice for treatment over a law enforcement approach, and a greater balance must be achieved.

## **6. STABILIZATION CENTER UPDATE:**

Nick Lelack provided an update on the Stabilization Center. He congratulated Holly Harris as Deschutes County's incoming Behavioral Health Director, and turned over the discussion to her and Janice Garceau.

Ms. Harris shared that to-date, there have been 8000 visits to the center by 2500 unique individuals. She described the Center as an interconnected hub with added capacity. They have had staffing challenges, and one year ago they had a 30% vacancy rate. The night shifts are still in flux. They are currently set up for long-term success, due in large part to the Board of Commissioners, to whom she expressed her gratitude. She provided a few additional statistics: 21% of the persons served are delivered by law enforcement; 62% are from Bend; 16% are from Redmond. Grant funding has helped make ends meet. A new Redmond location will not be a stabilization center and will not provide 24/7 services, but rather a triage center open during regular business hours. Local law enforcement can bring people there, and if necessary they can be transported to the Bend location. The Center saw a dip in the number of houseless individuals seen (17% down from 28%). A new mobile non-law enforcement outreach team will roll out in February or March, and will respond to calls in the community. Three additional staff were hired as case managers embedded into the Stabilization Center to work with the mobile team. The search for a new Stabilization Center Program Manager is underway, and they hope to have them on-board by February 1.

Ms. Garceau shared that Deschutes County Behavioral Health is recognized state-wide as the gold standard for its Stabilization Center, Aid and Assist and its partnerships with law enforcement.

Chair Ashby agreed with Ms. Garceau, and said that it is a blessing and a privilege to work in Central Oregon.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Chair Ashby recognized Steve Gunnels, the new District Attorney who was sworn in that morning, January 3, 2023, with his Oath of Office.

- Melanie Kebler will be sworn in as City of Bend Mayor on January 4, 2023, and so will no longer be part of the Public Safety Coordinating Council. She thanked everyone for working with her.
- Nick Lelack recognized Sara Crosswhite, 9-1-1 Director, for her leadership and thanked her for her tireless efforts over the busy holiday season.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further discussion, Chair Ashby thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant