

LPSCC/LCJAC

MEETING MINUTES

03-11-2021

Tina Routt, Judge Thomas Powers, Aaron Grigg, Sheriff Cody Bowen, OSP Lt. Conner, Chief Gary Bell, DA Kelsie McDaniel, Michelle Bartov, Judge West Williams, Ben Morgan, Mayor Steve Clements, Commissioner Matt Scarfo, Robert Strobe, Jim Schaeffer, TCA Michelle Leonard.

Welcome Sheriff Bowen

Approval of last meeting minutes (12-1-2020)

Minutes were moved to approve by Judge Powers and 2nd by Chief Bell

Local Criminal Justice Advisory Council – Bylaws

Mr. Schaeffer was reviewing to confirm compliance with statute
Approve or need correction

Bylaws were unanimously approved, new format for next year was proposed by Jim Schaeffer and may be adapted.

Posting material on county website, what do you want posted

Annual reports

Meeting minutes / Agendas

All

It was agreed that meeting agendas and minutes would be posted on the County's web page.

Aaron Grigg – Impacts Grant update

Working to get a certified recovery mentor up and running. Requires 40 hours of training in long-term recovery. Mentor will assist transitioning persons out of jail, out of transition housing etc.

Struggling to find property, reaching out to property owners, looking for a 4-bedroom suitable to continue recovery. If anyone knows of any properties send them to Aaron.

Successful presentation to the local Bar Association to make sure attorneys are encouraged to advocate for these services for their clients.

On a different funding topic, housing for our behavioral health clients. CHD is in the process of interviewing for positions to operate and provide respite coverage for a housing program. CHD will pilot the program with one person. Currently working to

make sure behavioral health is added into local contracts to secure funding for these individuals.

10 slots to employ - Hannah Voetberg with Abundant Life was suggested as possible contact to assist

Department Updates

La Grande PD - Chief Bell

A number of retirees – so transitioning planning – going well

UCSO – Sheriff Bowen

Hiring, remodeling – lots of transitioning with new SO and is getting positive feedback from the communities – updating contracts and moving forward.

OSP- Lt. Conner

Fully staffed, office still closed to public, hoping to open soon

DA- K. McDaniel

Fully staffed with new DDA on board Alexis Baello– deputized soon

New Jail efforts – reinstate grand jury visit jail virtually, suspended during covid. Likes to offer it to all grand juries.

Vulnerable adult population who needs services that do not rise to level of commitment. Building is now open.

Citizen said jail tour was eye opening

Court – (Judge Powers / Michelle Leonard)

Court retiring, staff moving on, new people coming on board, you will start to see them soon.

Externally, CJO new order coming soon reflects many things we are already doing as rates go down. Jury trials will increase and not just be emergent case identifiers. In person both civil and criminal matters. Fewer will be continued, cleaning protocols will continue.

Each local court must address the other types of cases, presumption for in person or presumption for remote will likely be in person, but with options to move forward w

Probation –

No updates

Bar (M. Bartov) -

Remote bar meeting and intends to continue for now by zoom. New orders that come her way are immediately distributed to the bar. Request of the court to continue High Risk exceptions for remote appearance.

Def Bar (J. Schaeffer) -

BHC additions is a good sign about program.

County Commissioners – (M. Scarfo)

Covid is not gone, a spike today, need only 19 more to stay in current risk category fingers crossed

Juvenile Department – (B. Morgan)

Still mostly remote, building is open, but contact by zoom, but not opening too soon. Current protocol working. Staff are busy. Grant funding for parent education efforts will continue to facilitate and offer more throughout the county. Collaborating with Headstart, it is nice to have outside help.

CHD – (A. Grigg)

Bulk of services remotely except higher risk individuals, mobile crisis. Face to face services will be picking up. Doors are locked, but protocol allows person to request to come in.

Mt. Emily (K. McDonald) -

Employee in quarantine and dealing with a current positive, maybe due to schools being open. Getting folks vaccinated to assist in keeping open. Cleaning protocols must continue. Keeping on top of it.

Mayor – (S. Clements)

Mental health concerns still important, recently updated by LE keep doing what we can to mitigate. Believes there is hope for new Jail and Justice center, efforts need to resume. All around “yeses” to that comment from other members.

Adjourned.