



**Curry County
Local Public Safety Coordinating Council**

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**MEETING MINUTES
 Thursday, April 27, 2017: 12:06 P.M.**

Curry County Blue Room
 94235 Moore St., Gold Beach, OR 97444

Attendees:

CURRY COUNTY: *Chair* Sgt. David Denney, Commissioner Court Boice, Sheriff John Ward, Captain Mick Espinoza (alternate for Sheriff John Ward)

STATE: Judge Jesse Margolis, Deputy District Attorney Jake Conde', Dave Aydelotte OSP

PORT ORFORD: Terrie Richards (City Council)

GOLD BEACH: none

BROOKINGS: Sgt. Donny Dotson

Other: Ken Dukek, Erin Porter (alternate for Ken Dukek)

Nonvoting members: none

Nonvoting attendees: Visitors Clay Gordon, Joan Short (OSP Project Manager)

1. Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Denney opened the meeting and introductions were made. He asked attendees to identify themselves for the audio record. Pledge of allegiance was done.

2. Approval of Agenda – Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Ward made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Conde'.

MEMBER	AYE	NAY
CC: Denney	<i>x</i>	
CC: Boice	<i>x</i>	
CC: Ward	<i>x</i>	
OR: Conde'	<i>x</i>	
OR: Margolis	<i>x</i>	
OR: Aydelotte	<i>x</i>	
PO: Richards	<i>x</i>	
BKGS: Dotson	<i>x</i>	
Other: Dukek	<i>x</i>	
Motion passes unanimously	<i>x</i>	

3. *Public Comment* *Members of the public may address the council regarding a matter on the agenda. You may be asked to hold your comments until the council takes up the matter. Please limit comments to three minutes.

Gordon Clay asked about a training this is coming to the community regarding suicide prevention. Porter responded that a training called ASIST is scheduled and is sponsored by the All Care Advisory Council. Its for first responders, medical personnel, teachers and community members. Price is \$65. [ASIST training JUNE 28 & 29].

Clay also said this is the first workshop on this topic in 10 years. He added that mental health people said they were afraid to call 911 because “some police officers don’t understand and come in with guns drawn, or dogs or Tasers.” He added that police taking this training will make the community safer. He added that people who are bipolar or have other disorders are afraid of seeing a gun. He encouraged everyone to attend this training.

Dukek commented that Brookings was recently name the safest city in Oregon and congratulated them.

4. *New Business* – none

5. *Old Business* -

- a. Sexual Assault Exams – Conde’ reported that he prepared a letter as asked by LPSCC to do but that the bill the letter was in support of has died in committee [in state legislation]. What he recommends that the group does is to change the letter to say that we are really upset this bill died in committee, or we can wait and see what happens in the next legislative session. He said he is neutral on this topic for which way to go. He opened the floor for discussion.

Ward said that he’d like a letter saying what it would do for the community if it had passed and would support it and like to see it moved forward in the next session.

Dukek asked if the CJC (Criminal Justice Commission) was in support of the bill. He said they are a group we might want to reach out to since they are in charge of all the LPSCCs. Conde’ said he’d be happy to complete the letter and send it off. He said he can finish it and forward it out to the group via email.

Ward said that his understanding that if a bill dies it can get picked up later. Conde’ said that he understood that it probably won’t get picked up because there was some concern from some groups about the burden this could put on medical providers and the hospital system. He added that they wanted the bill tabled because those concerns hadn’t been addressed.

Espinoza asked who the letter would be addressed to. Conde’ said to the local representative which is Smith [David Brock Smith]. Espinoza said that he was discussing with a board member and other hospital people that they were planning on sending several people to the SANE nurse training. He said there were a couple board members who recognized the importance and that we could send it to them to put pressure on them. Conde’ said he’d be happy to forward to them and that the purpose of this letter was to support the bill.

Margolis said that over time there has been a changeover in hospital staff. He asked if anyone has gone to the hospital board and wondered if they know about this issue. Espinoza said that it's been hit and miss having hospital administrators attend meetings and that maybe we should ask board members to attend. Educate them that way.

Dukek said that they receive public funds to provide services. If we all read the statutes then we might get traction.

Boice said that he's going to be in Salem next week. Conde' said he'd email him the details on the bill.

Conde' said he'd finish the letter regardless and bring it to the meeting.

Ward said pressure on legislation is a good idea.

Conde' said we need to try this.

Denney said we would round table this discussion at the next meeting.

b. Budget Discussion – Denney asked Boice to report.

Boice said the CBAC made good recommendations. Where it stands now is with the 6 members on the Budget Committee. Boice said that at least 2 of the committee members have used the term 'moth ball the county'. He added that Commissioner Gold and himself voted to not cut the sheriff's office budget. He sees a possible use of \$200,000 of road funds and \$200,000 of carry over to support the Sheriff's Office. It comes down to the Budget Committee. The committee consists of the County Commissioners, Carl King, Tom Brand, and one other.

Dukek asked if Sam [Skoggel] has been showing up to the meetings. Boice replied that he has been.

Ward said that when he went to the BOC and the county council was directed to go back to each department to see how much could be cut, it was requested that the SO cut another \$400,000 from the budget (in addition to about half million dollars that were already cut). County Council went back to the BOC and said that the county is about \$400,000 short (of its budget). Huxley said to take it from the Criminal & Civil divisions of the SO. Ward went on to say that County Council clarified in that meeting that Huxley [BOC chair] said to take it from the Criminal and Civil divisions of the SO and that Huxley confirmed 'yes take it from them'. Commissioner Gold seemed to be swayed by the comments made by Ward and Espinoza and compromised to take \$200,000 from the road funds. Ward added that the governor was concerned about what was going on in the county. He said that the OSAA Director contacted him and said that the Governor declared that it would be irresponsible for the county to not use the road funds to support law enforcement when you have the money to do so. If they don't fund law enforcement, which is a #1 priority for public safety and they have the money and the law says they can do it then they could be held civilly liable for not making the funds available to law enforcement. Ward addressed the talk around the belief that using road funds will deplete the road funds entirely in 5 years. Last year we didn't use any road funds at all. This year \$1.7 million, next year maybe that amount, but we aren't taking \$1.7 a year. What we didn't use last year should be shifted over to use this year. It's still not giving adequate coverage.

Espinoza said its getting frustrating and he's getting concerned because over the last 24 months community programs are really getting started to get stronger and better with good cooperation between agencies. His concern is that if this continues to go the path that it is that our operations will change so much it will impact the community partners and will become overwhelmed with other issues and then there is also safety issues on top of that as exhibited by the counties near us. Espinoza gave examples of how this looks in counites to the East of Curry. He also said that it appears that people can already make their mind up for the use of funds, for roads or any other sources, without regard to the reports and the voters. He said he feels the part of the duty of being part of a committee is to demonstrate to them [the BOC] what good use of the funds is but then to have that input disregarded from the outset is frustrating. He said that at the same time we are negotiating with our employees and we're hearing an expectation of the same fate. This budget reduction doesn't just affect us [the Sheriff's Office]. We have to start working on a sustainable solution now. The Budget Committee will start meeting May 15th and there will be public commentary allowed. Espinoza encouraged people to bring their input forward and not just to have it spoken in the hallways.

Conde' agreed and has seen what a shortfall in staff can do to a department and gave the example as to the DA's office being temporarily short and gave examples of how this impacts the office. He added that he can't even tell people how things are going to be for the staff or the people they serve. He said its draining and constant. He said its already hard to tell staff that they aren't getting raises let alone having to tell them that they may not have a job at all. People aren't waiting to find out if they have jobs or not. "To the degree this council has influence and the ability to...get clear answers to get news...even bad news I want to know," Conde' said.

- c. ORCCA update – tabled to next meeting

6. *New Business*

- a. "Safe Oregon" Presentation by Jodi Sherwood, Program Manager for OSP.

This is a statewide school tip line. She said that she believed that the Brookings school district has a tip line. This was confirmed by Dotson but he said it "doesn't get used a lot." She said this was an assignment, funded for 5 years, to OSP in the last legislative session. There are 1200 schools in Oregon and the idea is that all schools will have access and use the line. She said it's for early prevention, intervention, prevention, harassment, bullying, suicide, mental health – for students to self-report things going on around them. The tip line is a resource to report those things. The idea is, based off other states, (she gave examples of what other states have for programs), is to continue to work with the kids in the structure because kids came up with the name and the colors. There are 266 schools in Oregon signed up with Safe Oregon. Some pay for their tip lines such as one that pays about \$75 a month to have a system. Focusing on public schools pre-k through 12 which is 570,000 kids. The tool works like this – schools need to sign up to access the system. She said it's odd for OSP to have the assignment but other agencies said no so OSP said yes. In 81% of cases of serious incidents that happen at school someone knew about it (she gave the example of school shootings). They asked themselves how can we help and empower

kids to be responsible and get with kids on the ground level so we can get information from them. She added that youth suicides are outpacing car accidents in our state. She said this is about this getting with students before things happen. People can go to the website at: www.safeoregon.com, parents and students can also go online. In Curry County there is one in Gold Beach School signed up, both Port Orford schools and she's not sure about the Brookings Schools. She can come and talk to other groups. Go to the website to sign up. Mobile apps are downloadable for kids, they can email, call to reach the tip line. Its monitored 24/7 and most of the time the tips are sent right back to the school. She gave examples of when this is done. Students are being really thoughtful in their reporting she said. Most tips are about other students wellbeing than they are about themselves. But when it's an urgent or critical tip (like "I think someone just walked into the school with a gun") if they contacted the tip line instead of calling 911 then it gets followed up on within 2 minutes to contact your local dispatch center and to call the school. "Keep in mind though that these are youth so tips need to be looked at by an adult," she said. Its free, confidential and anonymous.

Espinoza asked about when tips get reported is it explained to the person providing the tip that it could go to the local dispatch and school. She said that yes, if its considered urgent, they know it will get followed up on immediately. Part of the deal is educating students to provide tips that are the most helpful. The non-urgent tip gets followed up within an hour. Facebook and other online content that is tipped about can be sent in as a short video or snap. This project was launched on Jan. 31st of this year.

- b. Create Workgroups (for bylaws, mission statement, review of statutory functions): Denney said that since a few members are not present these agenda items will be carried over to the next meeting.

7. Good of the Order

- a. *Porter reported on Curry Community Health's current locations: Brookings WIC is still on Hemlock; medical services, mental health, and Public Health are on Alder; 5th Street will be moved into around end of June. In Gold Beach – Public Health and medical services are in the Rush Center, mental health is still at Colvin with an aim to move mental health to Rush Center before the end of Summer (maybe by the end of June). In Port Orford in the Blue Building houses public health and medical services. Dukek said most of the staff for the ACT program have been hired. The .40 nurse position is open and the applicant is also talking with the hospital because she is SANE trained and has many years of medical services for sexual assault. Dukek said they'll report more next meeting.*
- b. *Margolis said that he will be providing a presentation to the BOC regarding circuit courts in Oregon and what they do. **May 24th and its open to the public.***
- c. *Ward asked to discuss the CBAC recommendations around the public safety support. Dukek said that the report that CBAC submitted does support public safety. Ward asked if LPSCC would consider writing a letter in support. Dukek said he'd be in support of LPSCC writing a letter. Margolis said that might be more helpful is to coordinate law enforcement one of the concerns is how the county budget might impact the coordinate the function of services such as the jail which will have an impact county-wide. This committee could provide an analysis of how all the services*

are tied together and how we can coordinate dependent upon various services such as budget cuts and the impact. “Rather than saying you should provide money for services say instead here is what we can do with what we have, here is what we could do with what we should have and here is what we think will happen without this,” Margolis said. Boice added “Evaluate the consequences”.

*Dukek asked if there were meetings in which LPSCC talked about other agencies in the county. It was discussed that was a budget workshop. Porter said she had extensive notes from that meeting. **She said she could draft a letter based on her notes.***

Lewis said they have a letter that OSP drafted that explains what those cuts means for their response which says that it won’t change because they don’t have the personnel to do anything different. If there is any idea that OSP can come in and respond that isn’t realistic. Ward said Josephine county OSP wrote a similar letter as public information is “spot on” showing they aren’t going to step in. This was made clear by OSP.

8. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items –

- a. May 25, 2017 noon*
- b. Dukek - updates on the ACT Program for the next meeting.*

Adjournment

Denney closed the meeting at 12:55 pm.

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