



**Curry County  
Local Public Safety Coordinating Council**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 28, 2016: 12:00 P.M.**

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

**Attendees:**

**CURRY COUNTY:** *Vice Chair* Jonathan ‘Jay’ Trost, Commissioner Tom Huxley, Sheriff John Ward, Captain Mike Espinoza (Alternate for Sheriff John Ward), Joel Hensley (Alternate for Sgt. Denney)

**STATE:** Judge Jesse Margolis, Sgt. Dave Aydelotte for OSP

**GOLD BEACH:** Melinda McVey City Council, GBPD Chief Dixon Andrews

**BROOKINGS:** BPD Chief Wallace and Lt. Donny Dotson (Alternate for Chief Wallace)

**PORT ORFORD:** Terrie Richards City Administrator, POPD Chief Hank Hobart (arrived late)

**Other:** *Secretary* Lea Sevey for Oasis Shelter Home, Olivia Davis (Alternate for Lea Sevey), Dan Bartell Oregon State Sheriff’s Association, Jackie Antunes of Wally’s House (arrived late)

*1. Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance*

Jay Trost opened the meeting, pledge was said, and introductions were made.

*2. Approval of Agenda* –Trost confirmed those present and that a quorum has been met and noted that neither Porter nor Dukek are present for Curry Community Health and therefore agenda items may need to be tabled until the next meeting.

*3. Approval of Minutes* – Minutes approved confirmed.

**MOTION: Sheriff Ward made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chief Wallace.**

MEMBER	AYE	NAY
CC: Hensley	x	
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OR: Margolis	x	

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<b>Motion passes unanimously</b>	<i>x</i>	

4. *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.

Dan Birdell of the Oregon State Sheriff’s Association made comments about the privilege to be working in the community. The association is a nonprofit that supports the Sheriff’s Office and all law enforcement. There is an association in every county in the state. Dan helps to raise awareness for safety of deputies and officers. Dan is a special deputy volunteering in Harbor.

No other public comments.

5. *Old Business* –

- a. *Work Options for Offenders* – (Also known as community service) Captain Espinoza put a press release out requesting assisting assistance from nonprofits that want to participate. He thinks there is still confusion around what community service is and fielded calls to such. He explained that it’s more of an individual service rather than a work crew type service. One example he gave of a potential nonprofit partner is the Senior Center. He has a call into the software program that will allow the SO to track offenders for compliance and then send reports to the DA’s office via the software. He reminded the group that this software also allows for various reports to be generated. The SO wants to partner with other offices to help offset the costs such as the DA’s office and said that they have offered to assist in some financial form that has yet to be finalized. Sgt. Denney and Captain Espinoza will be going to a training in Bend to learn more about what works and what doesn’t around the state. Captain Espinoza is working with Municipal Court Clerk Pam Ganey. She is a part-time employee for the City of Brookings who has been helpful in the paperwork prep. He gave examples of what types of work could be utilized. Headway is happening.  
**Captain Espinoza will have more information at the next meeting.**

Trost asked how the group can help. Captain Espinoza said that partnering is what is needed now. Sheriff Ward indicated some cost sharing will be necessary and indicated that Brookings and the DA’s office had said they will help out with the cost. Captain Espinoza said that liability is a big factor and has reached out CIS [the county’s insurance provider] and is waiting to hear back. Chief Wallace asked if the forms being designed have been vetted by CIS now. Captain Espinoza said that he is trying to get that done. Chief Wallace said that we could do a pilot program now and enter information by hand and handwrite information that goes to Judge Margolis to sign off on. He said he thought this process is very doable and added that the offender will want to sign off on the liability in order to keep out of jail. Captain Espinoza said

he has those forms and can copy them to be used for documentation for having liability be covered and puts the burden on the participant.

Judge Margolis said that there was a program previously functioning in Curry County and that there are likely people available to learn from regarding what worked before. There could be improvements but there should be information that we need to get it going. Sheriff Ward said that there was work release program. Judge Margolis clarified that there was a work release program and a community service program and that they were separate. Sgt. Hensley said there was a work crew coordinator position previously but that has been gone for a while.

Trost asked if there are grants that we should be looking out for. Captain Espinoza said that the training he will be attending will help to determine what grants will be available to apply for and make good contacts. Procedural issues, standards and other fine tuning along with a sign-up fee of \$40 up front as well as some parameters of timing (length of probation coordinated with length of community service) will need to be worked out he said. Judge Margolis said that some discussion around this happened after the last meeting - in the past when we had community service we ordered a certain dollar amount within a certain time frame so that probationary lengths don't become an issue.

Captain Espinoza asked what would be Brookings Police Department's buy-in. Chief Wallace said that the program will be a real benefit as to labor and that his agency will be able to help pay for some of the administration. He added that he didn't think it was necessary to do the software but rather use in house forms to monitor and then later if it works out then buy the software. He added that he didn't think we would see a lot of people who will want to participate.

Trost asked if more nonprofits are needed. Captain Espinoza said that he could always use more. He has approximately 5 that he has contacted. He wants to work with a manageable sized group. Sheriff Ward said that parks, city etc. should be utilized. Trost suggested not only city parks but county parks.

- b. *Hospital Hold Room* – Trost acknowledged that this was a time set aside for either Dukek or Porter to speak on this topic and neither are present. Sevey said included in the packet that was sent out to all the members and alternates was Erin Porter's email containing the 2 ORS statutes regarding hold rooms. Trost asked that the email be read and Sevey passed it to Commissioner Huxley to read. Trost said he did not want to put this topic off to the next meeting if we had discussion on this topic even though there is not a representative from CCH present. Sheriff Ward agreed that it is a big issue and wanted to proceed with the discussion. Commissioner Huxley said the email document from Porter is extensive. Trost indicated that a summary of the statutes would be helpful and added that he has experienced issues very recently with the hold room. The discussion veered away from the statutes at this time and onto the problem at hand.

Captain Espinoza expressed that he sees the problem having come full circle and we are back to where we started with the hold room. He went on to outline the problem of the issues around the hold room that included that everyone was at one time in

agreement and all law enforcement, juveniles, commitments, family member holds were all on board with procedures. In addition, a good sum of money was given to the hospital to provide security to the hold room. He said it was “all spelled out in great detail.” The money was to get the security up to standards and as soon as that happened then there was a short period when everything worked well. But what we have seen recently is that we are back to extended periods of time of waiting for evaluations because they will not provide mental health evaluations unless the person has been cleared of any drugs or alcohol. Mental Health [Curry Community Health] is saying that a medical screening is needed. This adds up to very few people actually being helped. We are running into scenarios where threat of harm exists, even when the person needing help is there willingly, the security gets tied up for hours without any help given to the person. This leads to people walking out of the hospital on their own and the hospital is allowing it. The only way for law enforcement to return a person to the hospital in this situation is to re-investigate for a new hold. Captain Espinoza reiterated that we have stepped back to the beginning of this issue.

Chief Andrews agreed and gave very recent examples. The first example included a man who walked away from the hospital in which his agency got called out in the middle of the night to go re-detain him. In the second example, a mentally ill man from Brookings was allowed to leave the hospital (just last week) in which the same thing happened. This situation escalated into the hospital personnel calling the Gold Beach Police Dept. in the middle of the night because the mentally ill man was making threats to hospital staff. Chief Andrews indicated that the hospital wouldn't detain the man when the man was threatening others but when he was threatening the hospital then they wanted him detained.

Trost interjected that this uses up a lot of the officer's time.

Chief Wallace said that law enforcement is meeting the statute, the break down is not with law enforcement. He said that staff time is being used up and the failing is not with law enforcement.

Chief Andrews said again that law enforcement is doing what they are required to do but that the Curry Community Health and the Curry Health District are not doing what is required of them to do.

Sheriff Ward indicated this was true with his agency too and gave a recent example of getting a call from Harbor regarding a person who was a danger to himself or others. He had to tell his officer, who'd been there for over 3 hours, to leave the person there, because they can't just be personal security. (He added that they can all give examples).

Trost asked if it is 'Mental Health' or is it the hospital and hold room? Chief Andrews said it is both. He gave an example of when this happened and said the problem is also when people get called out on weekends who already have full caseloads and they are very busy. He feels that the hospital staff (over hearing them talking) would rather mental patients be taken to Bay Area hospital. He has heard that family members will sometimes take mental patients directly to Bay Area. He has also heard that ER doctors say they are not psychiatrists they are emergency room doctors.

**MOTION: Sheriff Ward made a motion to table this to next meeting and have a hospital representative attend to talk with us about this issue and to answer why we are back to square one. This motion was seconded by GB City Councilperson McVey.**

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Sevey asked that the other items (**the statutes and the director’s custody**) that **Dukek or Porter were going to address also be added to next meeting’s agenda.**

Commissioner Huxley asked who will contact the hospital. Trost said he would contact them and also he will contact CCH to make sure that either Porter or Dukek is also here to talk about the items.

- c. *Zero Tolerance Pledge* - Trost presented the pledge for Zero Tolerance and asked those wanting to sign to do so. He said this is to help address the alcohol and drug abuse among our youth and that they receive the services they need. They will be held accountable but they also need service. Trost read the pledge to the group.

Judge Margolis asked if there is training provided to schools (administrators, teachers etc.) on how to deal with drug and alcohol issues as they arise and what the potential consequences are. He also said he’s heard (by hearsay) is a concern that a report on a youth could adversely impact affect a youth’s future which makes people reluctant to contact authorities. This concern might make people less likely to engage with the juvenile department. He asked what the Juvenile Dept. is doing about that and can more be done? Trost said they are training but more can always be done. Trost explained how this takes place. He said that training of administrators is being done and that for example, with Riley Creek they have engaged in what to do after discovering a youth has a problem. He said some discussions fall on deaf ears and others are gung ho, it just depends on the district. He added that they sometimes don’t know what their responsibilities are and what they can do. Sevey said that her agency also includes discussion around drug use when going to the schools to talk about dating violence prevention. Trost said they when they do get a referral for an at risk youth that a prevention staff person is assigned to them to determine treatment or whatever it is they need. Their focus is prevention. Chief Wallace mentioned athletes and their stature in the school and to make sure that school signs off on zero tolerance so that everyone is included. Trost talked about the summer activities for youth and education around healthy living, including flag football. This will be coupled with

drug education and technology education building all education around the activities. We focus on a 'healthy' message. Chief Wallace asked if the Activity League will be expanded through the school year? Trost said they don't have the resources to extend it through the school year but they would like to. He added that kids sometimes just need a social outlet to spend their time, sometimes that's art if they aren't an athlete. He also talked about stats that show how important it is to do this work throughout the school year. Chief Wallace agreed and said that he and his Lt. did research on this and said that his staff showed a lot of interest and the PD is interested in being involved. Trost said that they have a program called Power Hour, which is for an hour twice a week, that addresses issues, helps tutoring, mentoring etc. that's done by retired teachers or whoever is interested. Trost will bring a completed document to the next meeting.

6. *New Business* – Report on the T4C Program (Thinking for Change) – Sgt. Hensley said that 8 people (Parole & Probation & Juvenile) were trained and completed and a tentative start date to begin is mid to late May. The first session will last for 6 to 8 months with approximately 8 to 10 participants meeting once a week per Sgt. Denney's report. Captain Espinoza said they are trying to select the best participants for success to see a reduction in recidivism and feels that there will be starting on a small scale and once results are good that it can grow. There will be a nice uniform application of the program. Outside resources will be employed such as mental health and alcohol and drug programs with no gaps in services is what is hoped for. This is part of the Justice Reinvestment Grant. Trost explained that the impact will be the highest for folks who have behavioral change needs and those who need the multiple services. He praised the efforts and has seen similar evidence based models work very well.
7. Trost announced the end of our agenda items and asked for *Comments from the Committee Members* – Sheriff Ward gave praise to the LPSCC secretary, Lea Sevey, for her work on the minutes.
8. *Good of the Order* –
  - a. Trost asked if we could entertain meeting in a month so that we can discuss community service further. Sevey asked if the tabled agenda items could also be added. Sevey said if people thought of agenda items later they could be emailed to her but to have them in by a week before the next meeting.
  - b. Jackie Antunes from Wally's House announced that there is a symposium in Jackson County June 20 -21 at the Inn at the Commons presented by the Children's Advocacy Center. If anyone is interested they are offering 5 scholarships to attend.
9. *Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items*: Trost made suggestions for a date for the next meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May or the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at noon with June 2<sup>nd</sup> as the preference. Sevey suggested we make sure that either Dukek or Porter can attend since the tabled items need to be discussed with them. Commissioner asked if that also included interfacing with a representative from the Hospital to attend also. Trost acknowledged that it did. Judge Margolis suggested adding the standards for civil commitment because the law changes from time to time as an agenda item. He said there might be a disconnect between the laws and the hospital's expectations. The DA's office and Judge Margolis can lead in this discussion.

*Adjournment*

Jay Trost closed the meeting at 1:00 pm.

*If you are a LPSCC member and cannot attend the meeting, please Secretary Sevey, Sgt. Denney or Commissioner Huxley know at least 24 hours in advance.*

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