

LPSCC

Mental Health and Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting

Summary Notes for June 28, 2016

Attendance

Judge Julie Frantz, Co-Chair, OJD

Deb Allison, Lifeworks NW

Jay Auslander, Cascadia

Dana Brandon, Central City Concern

Katie Burgard, MCSO

Christopher Burley, PPB BHU

Jean Dentinger, MHASD

Beth Epps, Cascadia

Tashia Hager, PPB

David Hildago, MHASD

Ann Kasper, Empowerment Roots

Liv Jenssen, DCJ

Judge Edward Jones, OJD

Kathleen Roy, Central City Concern

Adam Renon, Office of Commissioner Shiprack

Michael Seale, MCHD

LPSCC Staff

Christina Youssi, LPSCC Staff

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Michael Seale was introduced and welcomed as the interim Corrections Health Director.

Jay Auslander is leaving his job at Cascadia this week.

Introductions were made.

Possible Funding for In-Custody Aid & Assist Evaluations

There has been movement towards having local Aid & Assist evaluations done in jail. Interested evaluators have been identified via Dr. Milkey. Judge Frantz wants to keep this initiative on the agenda until it is funded.

- Next Step: David Hidalgo, Joanne Fuller, Nancy Cosine (?) and Judge Frantz will meet to review the process and costs. David will coordinate.

Mental Health Services Providers and Jail Mental Health

In order to reduce the amount of people sent to the Oregon State Hospital, Judge Jones noted his proposal to have a one-day a week docket working with the population with mental health challenges. He is also seeking better communication between mental health providers and jail medical.

Judge Frantz does not want to lose track of the work of notifying defense attorneys.

Adam Renon noted the County Board of Commissioners approved funding for a nurse screening at booking.

David Hidalgo noted one current fix is crisis line staff will get information from Corrections Health to notify providers.

Dr. Seale would like to look at some of the individuals to see who is refusing medication.

Ann Kasper says people need to be educated on what happens when you come off meds. There could also be community preparation for people to know what to do if they end up in jail.

Judge Frantz noted the role of the defense bar, who were not present at the meeting.

There were brief overviews of services provided by Central City Concern, Cascadia and Lifeworks NW.

Creation of Unity Behavior Health Forensic Interface Workgroup

The workgroup is in the formation stage. The DAs Office is starting the LEAD program to divert low-level drug offenders.

The need for housing attached to the programs was emphasized.

It was noted moving someone towards a mental health course too early is problematic when the primary issue is drugs.

David Hidalgo will coordinate a meeting to talk about information getting to jails.

It may be worth looking at the Safe Haven agreement.

Judge Jones will send the list of people to providers.