

LPSCC MEETING June 4 2024, at Noon.

MINUTES

Attendance:

Larry Evenson, Mark Lang, Joshua Pond, Margaret Magruder, Todd Jacobson, Jaime Aanensen, Stacia Tyacke, Jerry Cole, James Macfarlane.

Non-Members Present:

NA

Meeting:

Meeting called to order at around 12:13 PM

Agenda

LPSCC reviewed the agenda of the meeting, Jacobson moved to approve the agenda and Magruder seconded the motion to approve. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Prior Minutes

The minutes were reviewed for the May 3, 2024, meeting. Jacobson moved to approve the minutes and Tyacke seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Discussion and possible Approval of CJC Optional Justice Reinvestment funds. Evenson did the presentation of the request. In his presentation he indicated that the Criminal Justice Commission made across the board reductions to counties competitive grant requests for the 23-25 biennium award cycle. As a result, Columbia County lost the funding for our law enforcement position on the team (\$350K approx. over the biennium). The CJC announced they have leftover funds that need to be spent, a total of \$784K that counties can optionally apply for. One of the main reasons to apply is to recoup some of the money that was lost that impacts the Sheriff's Office.

The JRI team met to discuss if there was anything that the program needed that was not put in the original application for this biennium. The EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) program was brought up as an option. This is a therapy program used to help people impacted by trauma heal. A link to information about EMDR was sent to the group. The link is: <https://www.emdr.com/what-is-emdr/>.

Evenson indicated that at this time, Medicine Wheel has one staff member who has started the training program for EMDR. The group is looking at utilizing the funding requested to help assist this Medicine Wheel employee in completing the EMDR training, as well as sending staff from Community Justice and Columbia Health Services. The training requires clinicians at a master's level who are receiving supervision.

In the optional grant request, they are required to provide a three-tiered grant budget level request. One at \$100K, one at \$75k and one at \$50K. They have broken down their request as follows:

\$100k request:

40% FTE Sheriff's Office (\$70,598.40)

EMDR Training 3 staff (\$11,250)

Total request- (\$81,848.40)

\$75k request:

25% FTE Sheriff's Office (\$44,124.00)

EMDR Training 3 staff (\$11,250)

Total request- (\$55,374)

\$50k request:

EMDR Training 3 staff (\$11,250)

Total request- (\$11,250)

As there is only \$784k total dollars to be distributed to the counties that apply, Evenson indicates that it would look better to come in under the maximum allowed for funding. If the CJC is not inclined to fund grant cut positions, their last request only includes the EMDR training.

Jacobson moved for the approval of the CJC grant request as described above. Aanensen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

New Business

Lang discussed the Jail levy and the recent election where it failed. Lang mentioned the idea of the LPSCC doing some community education to support the levy if it was presented to the voters. Jacobson wondered if it would be helpful for LPSCC to do an endorsement of the Jail Levy. Macfarlane thought that would be helpful for LPSCC to help educate the public on the Levy and the consensus was that the Levy for the Jail be placed on next month's agenda.

Adjournment

Lang indicated that due to the 4th of July holiday. Next month's meeting will be July 12. Jacobson moved to adjourn the meeting and Cole Seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. Meeting ended around 12:31 PM

Minutes Approved: _____

Mark J Lang, Chair