

LPSCC SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2025, at Noon

MINUTES

Attendance:

Mark Lang, Todd Jacobson, Amelia Kercher, Hon. Michael Clarke, Jim Gibson, Josh Pond, Jacyn Normine (designated by Margaret Magruder), Molly Matherly; Brian Pixley

Non-Members:

Meeting:

Meeting called to order at around 12:17 PM

Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes for June 6, 2025 and July 18, 2025

LPSCC reviewed the minutes for the June 6, 2025 and July 18, 2025 meetings. Clarke noted that there was a scrivener's error in the June 6 meeting minutes. On the line for the May 2, 2025 minutes the word "agenda" was stricken and changed to "minutes." Clarke moved to approve both sets of Minutes with the correction. Pixley seconded the motion to approve. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Public Comment was opened and there was no Public Comment:

Community Needs Assessments - CCMH: Jacobson presented on this. CCMH is in the process of developing their local plan for the biennium 25-27. CCMH got a late start on this process, primarily because the OHA contract with Community Behavioral Health Programs (CMHP) has been restructured and technically it has not been issued yet. The official start of the contract with OHA begins 1/1/26. CCMH is looking for comprehensive feedback on what the LPSCC considers the ideal system design. CCMH's local plan requires input from the LPSCC on the following:

(A) Training for all law enforcement officers on ways to recognize and interact with persons with mental illness, for the purpose of diverting them from the criminal and juvenile justice systems;

(B) Developing voluntary locked facilities for crisis treatment and follow-up as an alternative to custodial arrests;

(C) Developing a plan for sharing a daily jail and juvenile detention center custody roster and the identity of persons of concern and offering mental health services to those in custody;

(D) Developing a voluntary diversion program to provide an alternative for persons with mental illness in the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

(E) Developing mental health services, including housing, for persons with mental illness prior to and upon release from custody.

Pixley thought it would be good to bring back Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement. CIT is a specialized program designed to equip officers with the skills and knowledge to effectively respond to individuals experiencing mental health crises. It is a community-based approach that fosters collaboration between law enforcement, mental health professionals, and community members. The training emphasizes understanding mental illness, developing communication skills, and utilizing resources to divert individuals from the criminal justice system and into appropriate mental health services. Kercher indicated that there may be some good trainings with the National Criminal Justice Training center (NCJTC)

Pixley also suggested the development of a Tri-County voluntary locked facility for crisis treatment with Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook Counties. The three counties could use the facility. Jacobson indicated that if the facility is developed that the state could place people that do not live in the county in the facility.

Jacobson discussed that CCMH is planning to bring a deflection center that could be used for detox and treatment. Individuals could enter detox and then transfer into Pathways Residential Treatment.

There was discussion about sharing jail roster information with CCMH, so they could address mental health issues with people in custody. There was discussion on how that would work on the juvenile side since the facility being used is in Washington. Matherly indicated that if juveniles are suffering mental health issues they are brought over by the Juvenile department back to Oregon. CCMH is not able to go to the facility in Washington.

Members discussed housing gaps. Lang discussed a need for people subject to sex offender registration to have some option if there is substance use disorder and/or mental health.

There was discussion on the next steps. There was a question of whether LPSCC should approve the ideas that were being presented today. Clarke thought it would be a good idea to have more time to reflect. Jacobson indicated that CCMH has to submit its preliminary plan in October. So, the discussion looked at members reflecting on this and coming back at the September meeting with more ideas and discussion.

Adjournment. Pixley moved to adjourn the meeting. Clarke seconded the motion. Lang called the question and vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting ended around 12:57 PM

Minutes Approved: _____

Mark J Lang, Chair