

Agenda Item Number 15. C.

Public Safety Coordinating Council Final Report

Presenter: Jamon Kent

Action Recommended: Information only

Issue Summary: Since 1995, Lane County and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield have pooled their resources to support the work of the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC), agreeing to coordinate public safety activities based on the belief that there is a greater chance of the criminal justice system becoming more efficient, cost-effective, and responsive to its residents if the County, Eugene, and Springfield work together in a meaningful partnership.

Beginning in 1996, Lane County and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield contracted with LCOG to be the administrative host for PSCC, providing staff support. The decision to utilize LCOG's services was based on a belief that LCOG staff would presumably be independent from jurisdictional structures and issues and that the organization would provide the most flexibility.

PSCC Accomplishments 1995-2003

Since its inception in 1995, the PSCC has brought key players in the prevention and corrections system to a single table. Working collaboratively, some of the accomplishments have been to:

- develop and continually update a Community Corrections Plan to purchase \$18 million biennially of adult offender supervision, treatment, sanctions, and services;
- develop a data warehouse to pool prevention and corrections data for planning and evaluation;
- complete a Community Corrections Act Outcome Evaluation;
- develop a delinquency prevention Plan, contracted with \$3 million biennially of Juvenile Crime Prevention funds and \$200,000 annually of Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds to implement the Plan;

- bring in \$23 million in grant money to fund innovative programs and research that would otherwise not have been available to reduce crime and improve community safety;
- prepare a variety of analysis and reports to help with system planning and improvement; and
- develop protocol for schools to help them prevent school violence.

In addition, crime rates in Eugene and Springfield have declined noticeably over that time period.¹

The LCOG Board can be proud of its employees who worked in the Community Safety Unit and other units who supported the work of the PSCC. These employees brought to life LCOG’s dedication to solving area-wide problems, helping area cities, Lane County, educational districts, and special-purpose districts reach their common goals. Our employees completed regional planning, coordination of services, program development as well as bringing State and Federal dollars back to Lane County – all aimed at a better community. Included in this effort are the following present and past LCOG employees:

Bob Clayton	Sue La Marche	Doug Smith
Bob DenOuden	Sean Lovitt	Susan Sowards
Colene Doll	Brooke Marshall	Aaron Storm
David Factor	Jeannine Parisi	Clair VanBloem
Jennifer Freeman	Michael Pulley	Byron Vanderpool
Janice Gotchall	Bud Reiff	Myra Wall
Heather Hansen	Wayland Secrest	Paul Yovanoff
Galen Howard	Quinn Sidon	

The members of the PSCC are constituted by statute however, in Lane County, the Board of County Commissioners took the positive step to include more community involvement than most other PSCC’s in the State. Lane County’s PSCC included 32 members, 15 more than the statute required. The list of current members is impressive and includes:

Gretchen Pierce, Chair, Real Estate Developer, Citizen Member
 Thad Buchanan, Interim Police Chief, City of Eugene
 Russ Burger, Lieutenant, Lane County Sheriff’s Office (formerly Oregon State

¹ While declining crime rates cannot be directly attributed to the efforts of the PSCC, it is nevertheless worth noting that crime has declined in Eugene and Springfield since the PSCC began meeting and the jurisdictions began formal coordination of community safety planning.

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Jim Carlson, Assistant City Manager, City of Eugene (Ex-Officio)

Jan Clements, Sheriff, Lane County

Bob De La Vergne, Superintendent, Blachly School Dist. 90

Faye Fagel, Area Coordinator, Oregon Youth Authority

Bobby Green, Sr., Commissioner, Lane County

Mike Grover, Police Chief, City of Cottage Grove

Jan Gund. Retired Professor, Citizen Member

Doug Harcleroad, District Attorney, Lane County

Alicia Hays, Interim Director, Lane Co. Commission on Children & Families

Tricia Hedin, Legal Assistant, Public Defenders Service of Lane County, Citizen Member

Ivan Hernandez, Superintendent, Fern Ridge School District

Denis Hijmans, Insurance Agent, Citizen Member

Mike Kelly, City Manager, City of Springfield

Ken Larsen, Councilor, City of Lowell

Kip Leonard, Judge, Circuit Courts

Ted Lewis, Mediator, Citizen Member

Roberta (Bert) McClintock, Administrator, City of Junction City

Bill Morrisette, State Senator, District 6 (Ex-Officio)

Anna Morrison, Commissioner, Lane County

Nancy Nathanson, Councilor, City of Eugene

Grant Nelson, Manager, Parole & Probation

John Radich, Area 5 Service Delivery Mgr., Oregon Dept. of Human Services

Rob Rockstroh, Director, Lane Co. Health & Human

Ilisa Rooke-Ley, Public Defenders Service of Lane County, Defense Counsel

Jerry Smith, Police Chief, City of Springfield

Lisa Smith, Director, Lane Co. Dept. of Youth Services

Ken Tollenaar, Public Affairs Consultant, Citizen Member

Jim Torrey, Mayor, City of Eugene

Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator, Lane County (Ex-Officio)

Ken Viegas, Emeritus Professor, Citizen Member

Warren Weathers, Mayor, City of Lowell (Ex-Officio)

John Woodrow, Councilor, City of Springfield

Some of the other members across time include:

Lyle Hatfield, Councilor, City of Springfield

Jamon Kent, Superintendent of Schools, Springfield School District

Ed McCluskey, Mayor, City of Creswell

Jan Wellman, City Manager, City of Veneta,

Zane Wilson, Pastor, Springfield Lutheran Church

Stu Burge, Council, City of Springfield

Steve Cornacchia, Commissioner, Lane County
John Ball, Director, Lane County Dept. of Children and Families
Sid Leiken, Mayor, City of Springfield
Steve Carmichael, Director, Lane County Dept. of Youth Services
Mike Gleason, City Manager, City of Eugene
Laurie Swanson Gribskov, Councilor, City of Eugene
Susie Dey, Branch Manager, Services to Children and Families
Emily Heilbrun, Domestic Violence Council, Victim Advocate
Bobby Lee, Councilor, City of Eugene
Maureen Weathers, Mayor, City of Springfield
Christine Lundberg, Councilor, City of Springfield
Jim Hill, Chief of Police, City of Eugene
Wayne Laut, Superintendent, Blachly School District
Bob Sisk, Superintendent, South Lane School District
Thomas Coley, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, State System of Higher Education
Les Clark, Administrator, City of Veneta
Bill DeForrest, Chief of Police, City of Springfield
Dave Koch, Manager, Probation and Parole
Donna Lattin, Community Corrections Manager, Lane County
Tim Laue, Councilor, City of Eugene
Bob McManus, Sheriff, Lane County
William Paden, Lieutenant, Oregon State Police
John Peterson, Mayor, Junction City
Pat Rogers, Director, Lane County Dept. of Children and Families
Ross Shepherd, Director, Public Defender Service of Lane County
Dave Whitlow, Director, Eugene Dept. of Public Safety
George Westergaard, Teacher, Eugene School District 4J

The contract LCOG has had with Lane County to staff the PSCC will conclude on June 30th 2003. By this date all electronic files and documents will have been delivered to the County Administrator. Two Community Safety program employees will be laid-off and other members will move on to new assignments. All-in-all a lot of good has been done in our county through the PSCC, and LCOG can be proud of the work staff has done in support of this body.