

Law and Justice Council
August 28, 2019
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Benton County Commissioners Conference Room

Meeting called to order: 12:07 by Hatcher

Approval of meeting minutes:

1st - Small

2nd - Hohenberg

Agenda Items:

Workshop on Current PST needs/request:

• **Mental Health Corrections Officer:**

- Hatcher discussed mental health needs have become very time consuming in jail. Will be requesting additional mental health correction officer to assist.
- 2014 1326 inmates with mental health needs
- 2018 3000 inmates with mental health needs
- 2019 will be over 4000 inmates with mental health needs
- Josie Delvin asked how many CO's Sheriff is requesting and how will the CO be used.
 - Hatcher clarified one CO and that CO will focus on the labor-intensive needs of mental health inmates
- Commissioner Small supports Sheriff's request for mental health CO
- Hohenberg – recognizes liability of mental health and said he supports Sheriff's request

• **Lourdes Mental Health Professional Funding:**

- Hatcher discussed the lengths the Sheriff's Office has gone to create a mental health team to work with inmates who have mental health concerns to help stabilize inmates. It helps reduce liability and prepares inmates to succeed after the inmates are released from jail. Discussed how Columbia Behavioral Health lost Washington State funding and will have to cut personnel from the Sheriff's Office mental health team.
- Josie Delvin – 146K approved for mental health services contract in 2019-2020. Will that cover positions?
 - Hatcher – No. PST will need to be used to supplemental funding in budget to sustain mental health positions
- Miller – What positions will be funded by supplemental PST funds?
 - Hatcher – 3 FTEs funded out of Lourdes contract

- Miller – If funded through the PST all the City Agencies will benefit since funds are coming from PST rather than from the Sheriff's Office budget.
- **Metro funding**
 - Chief Hohenberg – METRO will be receiving 2017 Burns Grant very soon. PST was used to help stabilize METRO task force while METRO was waiting for Burns Grant.
 - Looking for part time administrative position to help reduce cost
 - METRO is funded for remaining of 2019
 - METRO budget cycle is on the Federal Budget Cycle
 - Unknown if there will be Burns Grant for 2019 or 2020 to help fund METRO
 - \$85,000 per year PST Funding for KPD METRO 2019 and 2020 (numbers provided by Josie Delvin)
 - Hatcher – If Burns Grant doesn't come through or goes away Hatcher and Hohenberg would like to know there is a stop gab (funding mechanism) in PST METRO funding to help fund team.
 - Miller – Clarified that Hatcher and Hohenberg are requesting that funding through PST can be readdressed to increase the \$85,000 PST dedicated to METRO funding to a higher dollar amount if State and Federal grants go away.
- **ICAC Detective Phycologist monthly to provide support for the detectives**
 - Captain Lee invited to take questions back to Captain Taylor since he could not be at the meeting today
 - Hohenberg concerned about the initial cost of \$25,000 for a phycologist. Does H.I.S have resources to provide phycologist since H.I.S provides phycologists for agents in Federal programs
 - Hatcher table further discussion until Captain Taylor can attend
- **Deputy Prosecutors Pay**
 - Miller – discussed pay scale and working hours for Benton County Deputy Prosecutors.
 - Majetich – Didn't feel hourly wage or monthly salary amount is appropriate for PST meeting
- **East End Gang Team, Sheriff's Office**
 - Hatcher – There has been an uptick in gang activity. Gang problem on the west end of Benton County. Sheriff will be shifting resources back to more proactive policing to combat gang activity in Prosser area. Feels resources are needed to keep gang activity down.
 - Hatcher – requesting additional funding to support east end gang team
 - Hohenberg – great need on the west end of county. Hohenberg agrees more attention is needed in the Prosser area. Hohenberg supports the creation of a second BCSO gang team that can assist on the east end of the county to combat gang activity. Hohenberg totally supportive of the second gang team.

- Darryl Brink – Uptick in east Kennewick with youth getting in trouble. They’re endanger of getting into criminal activity. He would like to create an intervention team that will provide education to parents, kids, and community to help keep at risk kids out of criminal activity
 - Hatcher – BCSO Gang team provides intervention in homes, school and community. Agrees collaboration with additional agencies will be affective.
 - Hohenberg – Challenge of intervention once person has crossed line into criminal activity hard for LEO to do the intervention. Boys and Girls Club has done great job on prevention. We have a great mechanism with Juvenile that some PST money can be used with Juvenile to develop an intervention program for at risk youth
 - Pastor Daniel – Agrees it is difficult for uniformed officer to speak with gang member. Believes it takes all sorts of people to reach gang members. Soldiers for Christ has been in community reaching out to gang members. He would like to assist in intervention programs.

- Recommendations to take to commissioners
 - 1 Mental Health Corrections Officer
 - Additional Court Clerk
 - Request made by Josie Delvin
 - Lourdes Mental Health Professional,
 - METRO Funding
 - East end Gang Team
- Recommendation to table:
 - ICAC Phycologist funding
 - Deputy prosecutor pay
- Motion on recommendations - Hatcher
 - 1st Hohenberg
 - 2nd Parish

Unscheduled Business

- Miller – Concerned Public Defense is not attending the meeting

Meeting adjourned: 1:20 PM - Hatcher