



November 5, 2013

To: Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

From: Multnomah County Commissioner Judy Shiprack, LPSCC Co-Chair
Mayor of Portland Charlie Hales, LPSCC Co-Chair

Re: 2013-2014 Multnomah County Community Corrections Plan

Please find enclosed the Multnomah County Community Corrections Plan.

This submission is once again a one-year plan. The Department of Corrections has only been able to provide a one-year Inter-Governmental Agreement while it reviews revenue and other funding projections for the second half of the biennium.

The Multnomah County Community Corrections Plan demonstrates our ability as a system to strategize how we will work together to improve public safety in our community. The recent passage of HB 3194 is intended to maintain Oregon's public safety system by directing savings from averted prison growth toward investments in our local communities.

The Department of Community Justice has been working with Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Justice Reinvestment Work Group to plan our community's response. The Reinvestment Work Group is working together on a whole system approach to using fewer prison beds. The work group includes the Presiding Judge, the District Attorney, the Sheriff, a public defender, the Citizen's Crime Commission, and Community Justice.

As a result of this planning and coordination initiated by the LPSCC, Department of Community Justice will be conducting assessment of risk to re-offend and criminal risk factors prior to sentencing on some cases. The Department will also be supervising some offenders who receive a probation sentence rather than a prison sentence, or who are released from prison after a shorter sentence or on transitional leave. There were also two specific law changes in HB 3194 that affect the work of the Department and will be implemented this year. These are:

- Increase the possibility of earned time on probation and serving as an incentive for people on probation.
- Provide the authority for PPO's to set special conditions of supervision on probation which match their criminal risk factors.

In this plan, we continue towards our public safety goals through:

- **Improved Case Management Models** – The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) Adult Services Division will continue with the implementation of the EPICS case management model. This model supports the use of evidence-based practices with criminal offenders who are being supervised

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in the community and has been credited with significant improvements in recidivism rates.

- **Redesign of the Assessment and Referral Center (ARC)** – DCJ is redesigning ARC to provide additional and enhanced initial assessments for those individuals sentenced to probation or released from state and local custody. Additional assessments will be performed for those individuals considered high risk to re-offend. Providing “up-front” coordinated and immediate services should increase offender engagement in treatment and supervision and be a contributing factor to reduced criminal activity.
- **Creation of the Crime Victims Unit**– The purpose of the Crimes Victim Unit is to collaborate with public safety agencies, community partners, and DCJ staff to develop a more coordinated system response to crime victim's issues. Created this year, staff in this unit is currently developing a work plan and performance benchmarks. Some key activities in the work plan include developing a pilot program to increase restitution collections and providing training to Parole/Probation Officers and Juvenile Court Counselors around victim's issues. Since implementation restitution collection is up over 30%.
- **Adoption of New Technologies** – DCJ is moving towards a web-based tracking system for those on Enhanced Bench probation. Currently being piloted, this system will make it easier to track and collect fees and provide more communication to offenders, such as payment reminders. The use of Smartphones is another new technology DCJ is now using. This technology provides PPO's access to case information while out in the field, helping to improve the quality of supervision.

We believe that Multnomah County will be facing many challenges in the year ahead but that the County Community Corrections Plan enclosed will position us to meet those challenges head-on. Our ability to effectively collaborate across public safety agencies will be a critical indicator of our future success. We look forward to working together to serve our community.

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