MEETING MINUTES LPSCC/LCJAC

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

Attendance: Chief Bell; DA McDaniel; Judge Powers; Jim Schaeffer; Carrie Brogoitti; Robert Strope; Emily Moody; Tina Routt; Daisy Thompson; Judge Williams; Pete Candlish; Guest – Nikki Dare.

1. Meeting Minutes 09/25/23 approval – No discussion Moved by Judge Williams, seconded by Judge Powers. Minutes approved.
2. Annual report approval – Appreciation for the report showing what this group has done. Judge Powers moves to approve, Judge Williams seconds the motion. Report approved.
3. Heidi Meier will be the new OYA representative for LPSCC.

No current Mental Health Director, Daisy is the interim. Once a new director is hired, a new order from commissioners will need to be produced appointing them.

1. Pre-Trial SIM Mapping – Save the date 4/24/24; please spread the word and encourage problem solving minds to come to that SIM that have any role involved with those individuals pretrial. Tina will send out save the date flyers again with minutes. 4/24 will be planned for all day, might only take ½ day. Judge Powers advising would be good to talk about BM 110, Behavioral health, substance abuse, and jail diversions.
2. Bylaws – voting by email – This would be exception only when things are timely. Tina has been trying to track with typical grants, budgets and letters are needed to avoid email as much as possible. Tina will put in some proposed language in bylaws for us to work through next meeting for final draft. Kelsie suggested vote by proxy as well to be included, all were in favor. Judge Williams motioned to both suggestions, Judge Powers second. Tina will draft.
3. Department Updates

La Grande PD – Chief Bell, working on getting up to full staffing for patrol and dispatch. Requesting funding/positions for additional officer in preparation for drug laws changing.

DA – Office is fully staffed; She and Logan Joseph are working on pre-charging diversion type concept, working out details. Kelsie is a part of Law Enforcement Discipline Commission. Tina mentions the diversion concept will be promising conversation at pretrial SIM as well for those with behavioral health needs, exciting that something like that is already in process. Kelsie advised mock trial 2/24/24.

Court – Judge Powers – Kudos to consortium attorneys working above their caps to keep cases moving and help keep our county out of crisis. Our pretrial program is robust, kudos to our release officers; the DA’s office has been coming in ready with proper recommendations, law enforcement has been following the SB48, the defense bar has been diligent with meeting with their clients. Tina was asked to be one of a few mentors nationally for pretrial, her fellow is listening in from New Mexico. Our court is excited to be part of that process. Kudos to our court staff, they have been busy with Expungements and attorneys and appreciate their hard work.

Defense Bar (J. Schaeffer) Fully staffed, Jeff MacNeilly taking full case loads in Union and Wallowa.

CHD – Public Health, Carrie Brogoitti – Part of Opioid settlement board and the allocation of funds. Looking at prevention, treatment, harm reduction. More to come later on this.

Mayor – City Manager, Robert Strope indicates nothing to report.

Next meeting TBD