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AGENDA COVER MEMO

AGENDA DATE: April 9, 2008
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Department of Youth Services
PRESENTED BY: Lisa Smith, Director
AGENDA TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF appointing five members to the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

I. MOTION

To appoint five new members to the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to appoint five new members to fill current vacancies with the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. BOARD ACTION & OTHER HISTORY

The Juvenile Subcommittee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council assists in the planning of strategies, usage of state funding and development of juvenile justice and juvenile crime prevention strategies for Lane County. Goals of the subcommittee include: (a) design a coordinated system for juvenile offenders based on best practices, (b) develop plans for state resources as described by their respective application processes, (c) review program and system evaluation, and (d) make recommendations to the PSCC which makes final recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Juvenile Subcommittee has diverse membership representing the juvenile justice community including Youth Services, Department of Children & Families, Health & Human Services, Courts, United Way, Not-For-Profit Youth Serving Agencies, Domestic Violence Council, District Attorney's Office, City of Eugene, Education and the Law Enforcement Community.

At present, the Juvenile Subcommittee has vacancies in the area of education, law enforcement, Domestic Violence Council, and City of Eugene. Agencies representing these disciplines recommended individuals for participation on the Juvenile Subcommittee.

On December 13, 2007, the Public Safety Coordinating Council approved the recommendation of the appointment of the following five members to the Juvenile Subcommittee:

- Dr. Ivan Hernandez, Superintendent of Fern Ridge School District
- Amber Murray, Domestic Violence Council
- Captain Tom Turner, Lane County Sheriff's Office
- Alex Gardner, Chief Deputy, Lane County District Attorney's Office
- Mike Clark, City Councilor, Ward 5, City of Eugene

All prospective members and their respective agencies are supportive of the appointment.

B. POLICY ISSUES

The Public Safety Coordinating Council is mandated under ORS 423.560 and ORS 423.565 to:

1. Develop and recommend to the Lane County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as Board of Commissioners, a comprehensive plan for the use of:
 - a) state resources to serve the local offender population;
 - b) state and local resources to serve the needs of that part of the local offender population who are at least 15 years of age and less than 18 years of age, which plan must provide for coordination of community-wide services involving prevention, treatment, education, employment resources, and intervention strategies; and
 - c) state and local resources to serve the local youth offender population.
2. Coordinate local criminal justice policy among affected criminal justice entities.
3. Coordinate local juvenile justice policy among juvenile justice entities.
4. In consultation with the Commission on Children and Families, develop and recommend to the Board of Commissioners a comprehensive plan designed to prevent criminal involvement by youth, which provides for coordination of community-wide services involving treatment, education, employment, and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention.

According to the PSCC By-Laws approved on December 11, 2003, there shall be two standing committees of PSCC: The Community Safety Committee, and the Juvenile Committee. Membership shall consist of appointed PSCC members and other people with expertise or interest in the topic area.

Shall Lane County appoint five new members to the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council in the areas of education, domestic violence reduction, law enforcement and the City of Eugene?

C. BOARD GOALS

The Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC), a regional advisory council for the Board of County Commissioners, is charged with ensuring every effort is taken to effectively use resources to prevent crime, reduce crime, and increase the sense of safety within our communities. The Juvenile Subcommittee allows the PSCC to specifically focus on issues and funding related to juvenile justice and makes appropriate recommendations.

This consistent with the current Lane County Strategic Plan to increase resource efficiency, program efficacy and reduce redundancy within Lane County Government. Broad representation within the Juvenile Subcommittee allows for broad and diverse dialogue around juvenile justice issues in Lane County, Oregon.

D. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no costs associated with these appointments.

E. ANALYSIS

The Juvenile Subcommittee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council meets approximately six times per year and makes recommendations to the full Public Safety Coordinating Council on funding issues with the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, Juvenile Crime Prevention funding, and Basic and Diversion Services funding through the Oregon Youth Authority. The Juvenile Subcommittee is also instrumental in developing the recommendations on juvenile justice policy issues.

The recommendation to appoint the new members of the committee will allow the Juvenile Subcommittee to engage in the full breadth and depth of juvenile justice policy and funding discussions that will benefit the citizens of Lane County.

F. ALTERNATIVES/OPTION

1. Option 1 – Appoint the recommended members as approved by the Public Safety Coordinating Council. These appointments would result in representation from key stakeholders in the field of juvenile justice.

2. Option 2 – Don't approve the motion. This option would result in the Juvenile Subcommittee consisting of its current membership and would not have the broad and inclusive representation that is representative of Lane County.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

The Lane County Department of Youth Services Director recommends the approval of Option 1.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

If approved, the new members will be notified to attend the next regularly scheduled Juvenile Subcommittee meeting.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING FIVE
MEMBERS TO THE JUVENILE
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LANE COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Coordinating Council develops and recommends a comprehensive plan for the use of state resources for youth offenders, coordinates local criminal justice policy among affected criminal justice entities and coordinates local juvenile justice policy among juvenile justice entities; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Public Safety Coordinating Council has been established by the Public Safety Coordinating Council through their by-laws to assist in the development and recommendation of juvenile justice related activities; and

WHEREAS, there are five current vacancies in the areas of law enforcement, education, domestic violence prevention and the City of Eugene; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of five new members to the Juvenile Subcommittee will provide a full spectrum of knowledge related to juvenile justice in order to fully execute the duties of the Public Safety Coordinating Council; now therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED and ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Dr. Ivan Hernandez, Superintendent of the Fern Ridge School District, Amber Murray, Domestic Violence Council, Captain Tom Turner, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Alex Gardner, Chief Deputy, Lane County District Attorney's Office and Mike Clark, City Council, Ward 5, City of Eugene to the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

DATED this ____ day of April, 2008.

Faye Sterwart, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 4/2/08
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