



**Curry County  
Local Public Safety Coordinating Council**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 5, 2021: 1:00 PM**

Blue Room in Annex  
94235 Moore St., Gold Beach, OR 97444

**Members:**

<b>1. Police Chief</b>	<b>Tracy Wood</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>2. Sheriff</b>	<b>John Ward</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>3. Corrections Director</b>	<b>Lt. Denney * CHAIR</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>4. DA</b>	<b>Joshua Spansail</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>5. State Court Judge</b>	<b>Judge Beaman</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>6. Public Defender</b>	<b>Rick Inokuchi</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>7. County Commissioner</b>	<b>Christopher Paasch *VICE</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>8. Juvenile Director</b>	<b>Wendy Lang *SECRETARY</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>9. Health Department</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>10. Mental Health</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>11. Lay Citizen</b>	<b>Samantha Roberts</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>12. City Counselor</b>	<b>Pat Cox</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>13. City Manager</b>	<b>Janell Howard</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>14. Oregon State Police</b>	<b>Brandon Smithers</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>15. Oregon Youth Authority</b>	<b>Theresa Hayworth</b>	<b>Absent Non-voting</b>

- 1. Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance:** None
- 2. Agenda Additions:** Commissioner Paasch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and it was seconded by Rick Inokuchi. All in favor.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Sheriff Ward made a motion to approve the April 1, 2021, minutes as presented and Commissioner Paasch seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Public Comment:** None

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Curry County Behavioral Health Status: Commissioner Paasch reported there was an agreement approved for ADAPT to take over services October 2, 2021. Denney and Lang shared that current Behavioral Health services (D & A and MH) are almost non-existent. Clients are in crisis, and they are not aware of the future or what to tell their clients. Lang attended an Allcare Curry CHIP coalition meeting the previous day but was advised Behavior Health was being worked on and would be discussed at September's meeting, so no updates. After much discussion Commission Paasch advised he would place this on the agenda for the BOC meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Lang and Denney will appear with the hopes of a resolution prior to that meeting.
- b. Curry County Employee for D & A Services: This has been on the agenda for the last year. There is agreement it would be great to have a fulltime county employee for this position but would need about \$100,000 in funding per year. Commissioner Paash will also reach out to Allcare. Denney reports he has some funds as well.

6. **New Business:**

- a. Vacancy Positions: Brandon Smithers was appointed to fill OSP representation. Sheriff Ward made the motion and DA Spansail seconded with all in favor. The Health Department and Mental Health are still vacant, and Lang will contact OHA on who will serve in those positions. Gold Beach Police Department and Port Orford Police Departments have not been attending meetings and Denney will send an email to both parties to see about getting representation.
- b. Agency Staffing Updates:
  - i. Curry County Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Ward reported that Emergency Services Director has been filled by Monica Ward. Sgt. White will take over duties for SAR, Marine, Emergency Services and Forest Patrol. Detective Mello is now Sgt. of patrol, DJ Storns went from administrative to patrol and Mackenzie went from jail to patrol. Teeter is now at GBPD and Deputy Stout is the new K-9 handler. OPS: They have three vacancies to fill and have some good applicants. Mitch Pofahl will be going to Wildlife trooper. DRE is Holland and Smithers for Curry County. GBPD and POPD had no representative present. Sheriff Ward shared with the resignation of Chief Wood he is putting together an offer to the City of Gold Beach to contact LEA services through the Curry County Sheriffs Department to save money and add efficiency. He is asking for a meeting with the administrator.

7. **Department Reports:**

- a. **Adult P & P:** Nothing new at this time.
- b. **Juvenile:** Lang shared new bills that will effect juveniles in this legislative session.
- c. **City of Brookings:** Nothing new.
- d. **DA Office:** Trials are now happening in both courtrooms, with hopes that cases will get to court that have been on hold due to COVID.
- e. **Commissioner:** If there is anything anyone needs please let Commissioner Paasch know as his role is to assist us with our departments.

8. **Good to the Order:** None.

9. **Next Meeting:** October 7, 2021 @ 1:00 pm. Calendar invites will be sent to members.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting was Adjourned at 2:14 pm

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