

MINUTES
2026 WCJC - Full Committee Meeting
February 25, 2026 at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Gabe Shepherd, Jason Harvey, Ryan Joslin, Joel Pickerd, Luis Maciel, John DeVaney, Derek Hering, Fredreick Edwards, Jef Van Arsdall, Rick Crager, Marilyn Smith, Marcia Harnden, James Yon, Jay Hughes, Ian Kellems, Jennifer Humphreys, Melissa Harder, Karsen O'Bryan, Keri Smith, Merideth Schrepfer, John Phillips IV, Scott Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: January 28, 2026.

MOTION: Crager motioned to approve the January 28, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Committee Introductions

Introductions were made.

3. Updates from the Executive Committee Meeting

Shepherd reviewed the previous Executive Committee meeting discussion and action items. Attorney General Dan Rayfield was unable to visit this meeting and staff will work to reschedule a future meeting Rayfield can attend.

4. Overview of the Work of the Willamette Criminal Justice Council (WCJC)

Shepherd shared a presentation, discussed the functions of a Local Public Safety Coordinating Council and the structural changes to WCJC.

DeVaney described the Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) funded pretrial services managed by the jail. The jail operates up to 10 ankle monitors that are ordered by the court. Law enforcement is alerted for victim proximity or exclusion-zone violations. The

ankle monitors integrate the Ally application, which allows victims of the those wearing the monitors to see the bracelet's location and receive proximity alerts. For individuals not on ankle monitors, weekly, biweekly, and monthly check-ins verify compliance and connect them with needed resources to maintain compliance with their court ordered conditions. Pretrial services previously utilized a court reminder system, but after July 2025, the courts moved to automatic enrollment and the jail did not want to duplicate the court's system.

Pickerd outlined two current JRP funded programs. The Transitional Housing program, which utilizes 15% of the total grant award, provides housing support for individuals reentering from the Department of Corrections who do not have housing and who contractually agree to program rules. This program recently expanded to include Adult Treatment Court candidates. Approximately 6% of JRP grant funding is used for Treatment Programming, which funds a trained parole and probation deputy to facilitate cognitive behavioral therapy to address risky behavior of an individual and improve behavior outcomes. Additional funding of the JRP award is reserved for victim services and approximately 21% supports Parole and Probation programs, with the remainder supporting jail-based services. The estimated annual award of approximately \$500,000 is split between the Jail, Parole and Probation, and Victim Services. Funding for Victim Services is routed to the District Attorney's Office advocates.

Edwards asked if pretrial services provided by the jail are offered to juveniles.

Van Arsdall stated the jail does not work with youth in that capacity, and any services would need to be offered by the Juvenile Department.

Edwards asked if the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community partake in any of the program services.

Van Arsdall confirmed that anyone who is released from prison, the Benton County jail, or a court hearing have access to the same resources.

Hughes asked if it was possible to use the ankle monitors for house arrest as a sentence option.

Van Arsdall stated the idea had not yet been discussed, but will look into it.

S. Smith asked about the current stage for the JRP's biennium budget and how the upcoming budget is developed.

Van Arsdall stated in previous years, former Commissioner Xan Augerot and Van Arsdall would work on the budget, then present it to WCJC for review and approval.

Pickerd added during the 2025-27 budget, the Sheriff's Office received a semiannual report, which assists in determining funding results and a mission evaluation.

Crager asked if regional approaches are allowed for a JRP.

Pickerd believed a regional group cannot not exist, because the grant was awarded specifically to Benton County. Pickerd requested a discussion regarding the utilization of JRP funding at an upcoming WCJC meeting.

Shepherd agreed.

DeVaney mentioned the Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program at the jail has extra dosages of Sublocade that are expiring at end of April. The program is figuring out how to utilize the medication before it expires.

Joslin asked about the program limitations for utilizing the Sublocade shots.

DeVaney stated the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has specific requirements the prescribing doctor for the program has to follow.

Joslin mentioned the Deflection program and Drug Treatment program could potentially utilize the extra dosages.

DeVaney discussed the logistics if the programs had a need.

Shepherd reviewed the LPSCC membership structure, the WCJC bylaws, which were updated in 2025, and the members of the executive and full council committees. Shepherd reviewed topics that were discussed during the executive session meeting for upcoming WCJC meetings. Shepherd asked for additional suggestions from committee members.

Edwards expressed support in discussing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in Oregon.

Yon expressed support for ankle monitoring in place of the jail for certain crimes.

Shepherd asked about the relationship between the Juvenile Department and the local school districts, and if it were possible to engage in that discussion by inviting all of the superintendents within the community to a meeting.

Crager agreed and suggested starting conversations with an overview of the current data.

Harder believed the Corvallis School District had a positive relationship with the Juvenile Department and agreed it would be an important topic to invite the surrounding superintendents to discuss.

Phillips IV discussed the Oregon Youth Authority and the importance of communication between the schools and juvenile services.

S. Smith asked if the CJC has any language that limits the direction of funding towards juvenile services.

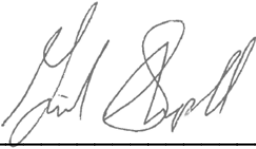
Pickerd was not aware of any limitations that addressed juveniles.

5. Other

No other business was discussed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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Gabe Shepherd, Chair