



Governor's Re-entry Council

Meeting Summary March 4, 2015

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)
Hall of Heroes
4190 Aumsville Highway
Salem, OR 97317

CHAIR: Colette S. Peters

NOTE TAKER: Kellie Whiting

ATTENDEES: Colette S. Peters, Gerald Moore, Courtland Geyer, Cameron Smith, Dick Withnell, Kevin Cameron, Greg Hamann, Paul Solomon, Rod Underhill, Kristin Wings-Yanez, Sandy Dugan on behalf of Erin Kelley-Siel, Mark Royal, Seantel Heisel on behalf of Fariborz Pakseresht, Heidi Moawad, Ashley Carson-Cottingham, Patrice Altenhofen, Michael Schmidt, Cindy Booth

PRESENTERS: Benny Ward, Frank Martin, Eddie Alves, Nancy Green, Carole Scholl, Dawnell Meyer, Julie Kopet, Phillip Rakowski, Kelly Raths, Donovan Dumire, Jacob Fox

OBSERVERS: Chris Hoy, Parrish VanWert, Debra Giard, Hannah Harrod, Jim Booker, Randall Davis, Anne O'Malley, Genevieve Martin, Lesley Nelson, Mark Patterson, Nancy Howton, Ken Jeske, CJ Drake, Anna Whitlock, Ken Braun, Karleigh Mollahan, Sonia Hoyt, Carolyn Schnoor

1. Introduction - Colette S. Peters, Director, DOC

INTRODUCTION:	Director Peters welcomed everyone.
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2. Approval of Meeting Summary

DISCUSSION:	None.
ACTION:	The Council approved the January 7, 2015 meeting summary.

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3. Focused Presentation from the Education Implementation Team - Greg Hamann, Team Lead

PRESENTATION:	<p>Greg Hamann, Team Lead, provided a Quarterly Report and a handout listing the Team’s specific recommendations (<i>see attachments</i>). Explained that currently, the state is working on restructuring the work of education to help establish a more educated workforce; revitalize the state’s economy; and create more equitable opportunities in the state. Suggested the state’s educational strategy should be driven by two fundamental principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If we are serious about our commitment to equity as we pursue the State’s educational attainment through 40-40-20, then no one and no group, including the incarcerated, can be excluded from the denominator of this “formula” for our State’s future. 2. From the Equity Lens Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every student has the ability to learn • Students previously described as “at risk” provide the best opportunity to improve outcomes • Intentional, proven practices must be implemented to return out-of-school youth to an educational setting • All students should have access to information about future opportunities <p>Mr. Hamann stated the same principles that make sense for persons not incarcerated should also make sense for incarcerated individuals. In fact, it is statistically impossible to reach the state’s educational goals without paying attention to the over 14,500 incarcerated individuals in DOC prisons. Suggested the incarcerated population is disproportionately represented and is underserved by education. Introduced speakers from the Education Implementation Team.</p> <p>Phillip Rakowski, former adult in custody, graduate of Linn-Benton Community College, current Oregon State University student and a member of the Education Implementation Team, illustrated how education has had a positive impact on his life after spending a cumulative 15 years incarcerated. Although his educational success is somewhat serendipitous, Mr. Rakowski urged it be intentional for others still incarcerated. Recommended allowing for more educational opportunities for those incarcerated, and to create continuity through an educational pathway for those releasing. Contributes his post-release success primarily to his commitment to recovery and to education.</p> <p>Dawnell Meyer, DOC Education and Training Administrator and member of</p>
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the Education Implementation Team, explained how DOC and the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) work diligently with their community college partners to provide adult basic education, English as a second language, and GED services across the state. However, students are missing out on opportunities and we are not training them on critical skills when they do not have internet access. Programs like Kahn Academy and Core Skills Mastery offer free programs to improve a wide range of educational skills. Digital books, videos and a variety of other free programs can help reach more and more students. Ms. Meyer suggested our world is becoming increasingly digital and it is the Team's recommendation that DOC be authorized to provide and given funding for, computer labs with secure, safe internet access in order to expand digital learning in institutions across the state. Suggested it will help incarcerated students learn to operate more effectively in the community and have access to an enormous wealth of information and tools to help meet all levels of educational needs.

Nancy Green, Chemeketa Community College's Director of Corrections Education and member of the Education Implementation Team, explained how, in partnership with the Department of Corrections, community colleges are able to make certificate and degree programs available to incarcerated students. Some DOC students are earning a Building Construction Trades Certificate through Treasure Valley Community College, and Welding Certificates through Central Oregon Community College. With additional funds from the Chemeketa Foundation, incarcerated men are earning an Automotive Technology Associate of Applied Science degree through Chemeketa Community College. Private and grant donations to community colleges have made Associate of Oregon Transfer degrees, Associate of Science/Oregon Transfer Degrees in Business, and Computer-Aided Design Certificates possible through both Chemeketa Community College and Blue Mountain Community College. Recidivism rates for graduates are in the single digits, substantially lower than the state average of approximately 29 percent. Recommended that funding is needed to make these programs sustainable and to have the ability to replicate in all institutions. In addition, secure internet would make it possible for students to conduct their own research on the colleges' libraries, and for some, continue their education through online classes and certification programs.

Benny Ward, Oregon Correctional Enterprises (OCE), Offender Services Manager and member of the Education Implementation Team, noted OCE currently offers 13 different certification programs. OCE works closely with DOC partners who also offer a variety of different programs and training opportunities, as well as working with the local community colleges to hopefully someday offer career and technical education training credits to students in OCE programs. Suggested on-line access would greatly improve the ability to offer industry-recognized training which would be very valuable as

people release to our communities. Offers it's likely that most jobs application processes require some type of on-line process. Additionally, noted there are numerous on-line training opportunities that are affordable and efficient, as well as recognized by industries.

Frank Martin, OYA and member of the Education Implementation Team, expressed that most of the education scenarios previously mentioned are already happening within the OYA facilities. K-12 credits, college programs and vocational programs are available to youth housed in OYA facilities and the education classrooms have secure internet access. Mr. Martin urges support for digital educational equity for the DOC prison population. Believes that education is key in the reduction of recidivism, and further believes we need to bridge the education divide by bringing digital equity to all correctional operations. Like has been done for juvenile justice system, he recommends repealing the Pell Grant for DOC students, ensuring internet access for online education, and bringing in the latest technology to access college courses and vocational content.

Mr. Martin provided a brief demonstration on RACHEL - a wireless 'hot spot' server - that can be placed in any correctional facility to provide secure, pre-configured educational content. Recommends utilizing such a server so that incarcerated juveniles and adults have access to educational studies and/or can engage in recreational reading. Recognized that RACHEL does not negate the need for internet access it is one step in the right direction. He supports leveraging technology in favor of academic achievement and funding for college access and vocational programs.

Ms. Meyer announced the PELL Grant has recently become available to those incarcerated in youth correctional facilities. Collectively, the Team strongly encourages the federal government expand PELL Grant opportunities to adult students within DOC facilities.

Mr. Hamann continued and asked that the point of reference be changed from "How are we to pay for this?" to "What are we going to do with the all the money saved?" Pointed out the substantial savings for communities and the State by reducing recidivism and victimization. According to the National Education Association, in Oregon, for every 2% increase in education funding approximately 7,000 jobs are created. Held that investing in correctional education is twice as effective as investing in corrections alone citing the RAND Corporation study findings that adult correctional education programs can be cost-effective through recidivism reduction; yielding a five dollar on average savings for each dollar spent. Reiterated the significant cost savings by educating our adult correctional population, and ultimately reducing recidivism and victimization.

Julie Kopet, Division Dean with Portland Community College and member of Education Implementation Team, added the Team advocates for increasing educational opportunities for the corrections population both during incarceration and post-release. Although we have some examples of a few programs in operation, we are only touching a small number of people. Asked the Council to remember Mr. Rakowski's story and give thought to how his interaction with education has successfully changed his life, and his life path. Reminded the Council that 93% of our incarcerated population release from prison to our communities and asked the Council to be mindful to not waste such a valuable resource.

Eddie Alves, Educational Director with Treasure Valley Community College and member of the Education Implementation Team, recommends the Council establish a standing Education Implementation Team to investigate and recommend solutions to the barriers (i.e.: internet access, etc.), mechanisms to infuse education throughout the stages of incarceration, and develop recommendations to bridge the education continuum from Department of Corrections to community-based educational opportunities.

Mr. Hamann explained the Team also recommends the standing implementation team for purposes of oversight; focus groups work; cultivating achievement compacts; identifying other barriers, and ideas to mitigate costs.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron asks how the Council can assist and if there are any existing legislative barriers.

Mr. Hamann answered there are federal rules standing in the way of incarcerated adults accessing student financial aid, and there are barriers to providing secure internet access within the institutions.

Director Peters added that historically safety, security and funding have been barriers to providing internet access within the institutions. Recently, DOC implemented video conferencing within the institutions and is working with the Department of Administrative Services to extend the current contract which could allow DOC to provide internet through the same band-width signals used for such video conferencing.

Mr. Hamann offered that RACHEL solves one obstacle to providing secure educational content, but does not negate the need for internet access.

Dick Withnell urges the Council to highlight the return on investment when making policy recommendations.

Commissioner Cameron commended the Implementation Teams and the progress of the Council. Encouraged the Council to prepare to become a strong,

visionary leadership body able to make these ‘asks;’ understand the obstacles; illustrate the needs as well as barriers; achieve positive outcomes; support adequate funding; and prepare any needed legislation for next session to help with Council efforts.

Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney, suggested now is the time to gauge how the Legislative Assembly views justice reinvestment, ‘avoided costs’ and the viability of the Council’s recommendations.

Director Peters concurred and explained that conversations continue with regard to the importance of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative and adequate funding for such. The Criminal Justice Commission has, for many years, illustrated the return on investment through avoided victim costs; public safety system avoided costs; criminal justice avoided costs; reduced recidivism; reduced prison populations; etc. Believes that Council support would lend much weight to current conversation.

Commissioner Cameron agreed suggesting the Council’s work should be brought to the attention of the Legislative Assembly and the Council should advocate funding for the Justice Reinvestment monies (HB 3194, 2013).

Heidi Moawad, Governor’s Office Public Safety Advisor, stated the Governor’s Recommended Budget may need to be adjusted based on the latest population forecast. Believes that as long as there are sideboards around the population forecast, a letter of support can ‘ask’ that it be funded as much as possible.

The Council agreed to submit a letter to the 78th Legislative Assembly in support of justice reinvestment dollars, as it is in line with the work of the Council and the Governor’s Recommended Budget.

Director Peters commended the state and local efforts currently tracking and measuring outcomes; many efforts born from HB 3194 (2013). Specifically highlighted Multnomah County’s efforts.

Mr. Underhill shared that in a seven month period of time, Multnomah County saved the state of Oregon over \$6 million dollars; a projected excess of \$20 million over a six-year period of time. He plans to share the information with Senator Devlin, Co-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Committee.

Director Peters reiterated the intent of the Education Implementation Team’s recommendation to establish a standing implementation team to help the Council tackle these issues. Additionally, reminded that each implementation team is to address ‘return on investment’ and develop measures and targets.

Comparatively across the nation, Oregon’s correctional system is highly

	<p>interactive, program-oriented, and reformation-based. Feels the education vision fits the mission to reduce recidivism and victimization.</p> <p>Based on the presentation, the Teams will consider additional recommendations such as a letter from the Council to the congressional delegation in support of extending the use of PELL Grants to adults in custody; and a letter from the Council to DAS seeking assistance to procure the contract to help provide wireless technology within the institutions. Should the Teams decide to do so, drafts will be sent to the Council for approval and subsequently sent to the respective parties prior to the Legislative Assembly’s adjournment sine die.</p>
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4. Updates and discussion concerning the work of the Implementation Teams

DISCUSSION:	<p><u>Aging Populations</u></p> <p>Ashley Carson-Cottingham, DHS/APD Deputy Director and Team Lead, provided a Quarterly Report (<i>See attachments</i>). The Aging Populations Implementation Team has met once since the last full meeting of the Council. The Team agreed to the following overarching objectives: 1) Thoughtful community-based or other placement; 2) Access to continuing physical and mental health care; 3) Uninterrupted service delivery to meet all basic needs (housing, employment, etc.). The team has prioritized their work to first those releasing with the highest medical needs and will develop recommendations and an action plan for the Council’s consideration. The next priority is to develop recommendations for the effective transition and reentry of the more general aging prison population – those who do not present with significant physical and/or mental health concerns.</p> <p>The Team has made valuable progress toward collaborative discussions between DOC and DHS to better address appropriate post-release placements and continuity of care for transitioning high-physical/medical needs clients. At the next Team meeting, discussions will continue toward design of a ‘Medical Transition Care Conference Team’ to assist with complex transition planning for high-medical needs clients; as well as the role of a cross-jurisdictional Medical Re-entry Coordinator/Navigator for those individuals ages 50 years and older who are releasing from incarceration. In order to better identify placement options for those individuals with high-medical/physical/mental health needs releasing from prison, the Team established a small workgroup to develop a matrix to illustrate to providers the functional impairment, health risks, level of needs, offenses, etc.</p> <p>The topic around the incarcerated aging population has garnered interest by the Joint Ways and Means sub-committee on Human Services (<i>see attachments</i>).</p>
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Briefly, the legislative subcommittee recognized the rising number of incarcerated individuals who are 50 years and older and have high medical needs suggesting they are usually no longer a 'risk' to society but are still serving out their time in prison and will ultimately release with significant medical/physical/mental health needs. Further acknowledged the significant medical and incarceration costs, and the impact of such on DOC's budget. Legislative members requested information with regard to the aging populations' level of risk, needs, abilities and disabilities, and the offense for which they are serving time.

Director Peters briefed the Council on an individual with high medical/physical needs and a sex offense conviction who released from DOC on December 24, 2014. The individual is deaf, a quadriplegic, sustained on a ventilator, and cannot speak. The individual's incarceration costs were approximately \$50,000 a month. Many months prior to release, the case was brought before the interim Legislative Workgroup on Corrections Health Care convened through SB 843 (2013). The workgroup heard testimony from the Parole Board as to statutory restrictions concerning those eligible for early medical release. Director Peters explained that expanding early medical release to those serving a mandatory minimum sentence (including Measure 11) requires passage of legislation supported by a two-thirds vote of the legislature (constitutional majority). The Corrections Health Care Workgroup did not recommend Legislative action, but rather further conversation.

Director Peters further explained that the Criminal Justice Commission, DOC, community corrections agencies and others collect data to measure and track outcomes of the systemic changes made as a result of HB 3194 (2013). In order to accurately capture such data, an agreement was made to 'table' conversations regarding changes to sentencing upon passage of HB 3194 (2013).

The Council welcomes policy recommendations with regard to sentencing structure with parameters around recognizing the agreement, and the role of the Council. Kristin Wings-Yanez suggested reviewing the report by the Legislative Workgroup on Corrections Health Care (*see attachments*).

Director Peters expressed appreciation to Ms.Carson-Cottingham for the hands-on leadership and cooperation bringing DHS and DOC together to improve the way in which persons with high-medical needs transition from prison back into their communities.

Cindy Booth, DOC, also extended appreciation to Ms.Carson-Cottingham and Clackamas County for helping secure an appropriate release placement for the mentioned individual with extremely high medical needs. Appreciates the collaboration and shared goals.

Business Community Implementation Team

Commission Cameron, Team Co-Lead, referred to the Team Quarterly Report (*See attachments*). Explained that the Team continues to schedule regional outreach opportunities and is underway to develop ‘peer employer’ panels, enhance local and cross-jurisdictional partnerships to promote collaborations, and to learn from the ‘successes’ to determine what worked. New partner organizations have joined the Team and are helping to engage employers and others in ‘second chance’ conversations. In February, 2015 Sponsors, Inc., in Lane County hosted the Team meeting to discuss and plan next steps to enhance existing reentry resources; engage and educate business leaders within their community; and, determine Lane County’s specific needs in these areas to ensure successful reentry.

In addition, both Linn and Klamath counties have expressed interest in hosting Team meetings, as well as business community forums, to discuss second chance employment strategies and concepts concerning their re-entry population. Given the unique needs and opportunities in each of Oregon’s 36 counties, the Team is building a menu of strategies for employing the re-entry population that can be tailored to fit each individual county’s needs and resources. The Team continues to solicit feedback from counties, agencies, organizations and individuals in the public sector to identify and engage community business leaders to champion ‘second chance’ employment through businesses in their communities.

Director Peters mentioned she and Mr. Withnell attended the Regional Solutions meeting and offered it may be a productive venue for the Business Implementation Team to solicit ‘re-entry champions’ in the respective regions.

Family & Community Connections/Engagement Implementation Team

Team Co-Leads, Kelly Rath with DOC and Sandy Dugan with DHS, referred to the Team Quarterly Report (*See attachments*). The Team continues to refine four focus areas:

- Strengths-based social supports inventory and engagement strategies around those social supports.
- Coordination of a statewide inventory of resources to identify and perpetuate best practices and information sharing.
- Mentoring: creation of a statewide hub to coordinate and enhance adult mentoring programs for both those in prison and on supervision.
- Case collaboration and coordination: creating a multi-disciplinary approach across agencies and organizations, and community resources serving as support networks that recognizes and incorporate the needs and strengths of those justice-involved adults.

As part of the Team’s work, a group of state-wide mentoring subject-matter experts convened a Mentoring Subcommittee to identify ways to further adult

mentoring programs for both those in prison and on supervision. The Case Collaboration and Coordination Subcommittee continue to discuss ways to create a multi-disciplinary approach to access agencies, organizations, and community resources serving as support networks that both recognizes and incorporates the needs and strengths of those justice-involved adults. The co-leads are working to charter and develop a strengths-based social support inventory and develop engagement strategies around those social supports and coordination of a statewide inventory of resources to identify and perpetuate best practices and information-sharing.

Data from the Focus Groups held in September and October, 2014 will be presented to the Council at the June 3, 2015 meeting as part of the Team's focused presentation.

Mr. Withnell suggested that each county/region needs a 'Transition or Reentry Ombudsman', (separate from the role of post-prison supervision) to assist in the coordination and navigation of reentry resources and services at the local level.

Cameron Smith, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, noted Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Oregon's Long-term Care Ombudsman as two advocacy services promoting volunteerism and community engagement. Envisions Veterans and the reentry population benefiting from such services.

Juvenile Re-Entry Implementation Team

Seantel Heisel, Oregon Youth Authority and Team Lead, referred to the Team Quarterly Report (*See attachments*). Based on action areas identified in 2014, the Team is reviewing goals and setting priorities for 2015:

1. Identify components needed in a community-based juvenile mentoring model that supports the special needs of DOC youth transitioning to post-prison supervision from an OYA youth correctional facility. The Juvenile Implementation Team proposes to work in conjunction with the Family and Community Connections Implementation team on this goal.
2. Develop a model for an individualized youth portfolio that includes documentation and information that supports youth in transition and showcases a youth's skills, strengths and talents.
3. Develop post-prison supervision and treatment assessment standards for the transition of youth who have been convicted of a sexual offense.

Seven draft scorecard measures have been developed encompassing four of the six action areas. Three of the seven scorecard measures should have data that can be reported on for the first quarter of 2015 ending March 31, 2015.

Mechanisms and processes for capturing data on the remaining measures continue to be explored. Efforts continue within subgroups to identify and develop standardized practices that support best practices in case planning and

transition services for youth entering the community from incarceration.

Ms. Booth added that, under the Juvenile Reentry Team's efforts, a subgroup is addressing the sex offender treatment topic. The goal is to ensure that DOC youth who have participated in sex offender treatment while at OYA are not required to start treatment over once in the community. Rather, they would continue their treatment.

Sex Offender Level (Classification) System Implementation Team

Kristin Wings-Yanez, Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision Chair and Team Lead, provided the Team Quarterly Report (*See attachments*). The Team plans to meet after the adjournment of the 2015 Legislative Assembly to consider anticipated changes to HB 2549 (2013) made during the 2015 session. After it is known what changes (if any) are made to HB 2549 (2013), the Team can begin creating educational materials to better explain the classification levels and develop communication plans to educate the sex offender populations impacted by the new law, as well as agencies and organizations providing supervision, services, etc., to impacted persons. Ms. Wings-Yanez will keep the Council apprised of legislative changes and impacts.

Veterans Re-entry Implementation Team

Cameron Smith, Director, Veterans Affairs and Team Lead, provided the Team Quarterly Report (*See attachments*). The process through which to identify incarcerated Veterans is under review. Currently, information gathered is "self-reported" as persons sentenced to the DOC go through Intake in Wilsonville. The process being vetted suggests all incoming persons fill out a release of information that will allow the DOC and Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to identify Veterans using the National Veterans Re-entry Search Service (VRSS). This process will require automation by DOC.

HB 2838 (2015) would create an Incarcerated Veterans Outreach Program. Major goals are to identify and connect with incarcerated veterans to ensure they have access to the veterans benefits available to them. The goal is to both help the individual veterans, but also their families who are eligible for a portion of their disability compensation while a veteran is incarcerated. Federal VA resources are an added tool to help in the reentry of veterans as they leave prison and transition back to the community.

Veterans Affairs is also training volunteers, using the CASA and Long-term Care Ombudsman models.

Director Smith also noted the Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI) has designated a 72-bed housing unit to adults in custody who are military veterans. The facility held a dedication event for the unit on February 17, 2015.

	<p>On February 9, 2015 DRCI hosted the American Legion for a dedication ceremony, and discussions are underway to establish an American Legion Post at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville. There are approximately 14,000 Posts worldwide representing 2.4 million members.</p> <p>Director Peters expressed appreciation for the partnership with Veteran Affairs as they breathe life into these conversations about pro-social behavior that results in safer prison systems.</p>
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5. A New Reentry Strategy – Permanent Housing: Presentation by Paul Solomon, Sponsor’s Inc.; Jacob Fox, Deputy Director of Lane County Housing and Community Services Agency; and Donovan Dumire, Lane County Community Corrections

<p>DISCUSSION:</p>	<p>Paul Solomon, Sponsors Inc., presented a PowerPoint on a re-entry permanent housing strategy (<i>see attachments</i>). Jacob Fox, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County (HACSA), explained that HACSA owns and manages over 1,500 housing units and provides housing and support services to 4,300 Lane County families a year. They also provides family self-sufficiency tools and education to residents to improve their economic situation.</p> <p>Sponsor’s Inc., has provided re-entry services to men and women in Lane County since 1973. Presently, Sponsors, Inc.. manages 12 buildings on 5 sites with a total of 145 beds providing transitional, long-term, and permanent housing for people with criminal histories. Last year, in partnership with HACSA and with funding from the City of Eugene, Sponsor’s established the RISE Program for housing women with children.</p> <p>The Roosevelt Facility offers a Re-entry Resource Center funded through a Byrne Grant. Based on intake assessments and LS-CMI results, clients are referred to a variety of appropriate in-house services such as the Re-entry Resource Center; BJA Mentoring Program; Education Programs; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Level I & II Substance Abuse Treatment; Veteran’s Grant and Per Diem; Parenting Classes; and UofO/Sponsors. Efforts are geared toward successfully transitioning persons to stability, self-sufficiency and independent living.</p>
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	<p>In 2013, The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) evaluated the Re-entry Resource Center concluding that it resulted in a 31% reduction in new crimes filed, and a \$14.00 savings for every dollar invested.</p> <p>Sponsors Inc., Lane County Housing Authority and the Lane County Parole and Probation (P&P) office partnered to develop The Oaks Project to address the long-term housing needs of clients on post-prison supervision or probationers referred by Lane P&P. The Oaks will provide 54 one-bedroom units and will target veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities. Individuals with sex offense convictions will also be allowed to live at the Oaks. Hoping to acquire Low Income Housing Tax Credits, City/Home funds, Justice Reinvestment monies (HB 3194, 2013), private grants, and donations.</p> <p>Mr. Solomon explained the due diligence and outreach to neighbors of the potential site to alleviate and address any concerns. Explained that two Lane County POs and transition counselors will be stationed at The Oaks, and that Sponsor's facilities are staffed 24/7. Offered that Sponsors has served Lane county for over 40 years, their facilities are nicely-kept; and crime is not imported into the communities. In fact, most individuals released into Lane county are native to Lane county and are required to live there while under post-prison supervision. Points out that Sponsors provides the re-entry population a housing program that is accountability-based and structured around achieving self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Director Peters encouraged those who haven't toured Sponsors, Inc., facilities to do so. Commends their re-entry work over the last 40 years.</p>
ATTACHMENTS:	 <p>03-04-15 Sponsor's Presentation to the G</p>

6. Measures – CORE Map and Scorecard DRAFT – Cindy Booth

DISCUSSION:	<p>Due to time constraints, Director Peters asked the Council to review the Scorecard at their convenience. As promised, targets and measurable outcomes are to be reported on a quarterly basis. Asked that the CORE Map and Scorecard DRAFT be the first agenda item for the June 3, 2015 meeting.</p>
ATTACHMENTS:	 <p>3-4-15 Council Update_PowerPoint.p</p>

7. Request for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT:	None.
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DISCUSSION:	Director Peters thanked members for their time and attendance.
NEXT MEETING:	Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2015 Time: 2:30 to 4:30 PM Location: DPSST, Hall of Heroes 4190 Aumsville Highway Salem, OR 97317
FUTURE MEETINGS - AGENDA ITEMS:	Standing Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused presentations and discussion concerning the work of one of the seven Implementation Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aging Populations ○ Business Community ○ Education ○ Family and Community Connections/Engagement ○ Juvenile Re-Entry ○ Sex Offender Level System ○ Veterans • Implementation Team Quarterly Target Reviews • Council Member Agency and Organization Reports • Request for Public Comment • Request for Future Agenda Items