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NORCOR Board Meeting

October 19, 2023

Preliminary Business – The NORCOR Board meeting was held as a hybrid meeting offered on two platforms; by ZOOM and in person at the NORCOR Juvenile Detention Facility at 211 Webber Street, The Dalles, OR.

Board Members – Board Chair- Commissioner Scott Hege (Wasco), Joe Dabulskis (Sherman), Secretary/Treasurer- Commissioner Pat Shannon (Gilliam), Commissioner Ed Weathers (Hood River).

Oversite Committee – Sheriff Brad Lohrey and Juvenile Director Molly Rogers.

Other Attendees – Nichole Biechler, Joyce Orendorff, Daniel White, John Miller, Amber DeGrange, Robbie Johnson, Dale Whipple, Barb Harris, Rebecca Beitel, Dan Lindhorst, Barb Harris, Kathleen Green, Craig Danner, Jennifer Coleman, Bill Boyden, Brenda Garcia-Lua, Gretchen Kimsey, Connie Krummrich, Red Stevens.

1.0 Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Scott Hege at 10:00 a.m.

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Consent Agenda – Judge Joe Dabulskis made a motion to accept the consent agenda, his motion was seconded by Pat Shannon.

1.2.1 Minutes – Board Meeting September 21, 2023

2.0 Public Comment – There was no public comment.

3.0 Coalition Update – The Coalition update was given by Connie Krummrich who shared they met with the NORCOR medical staff on October 5th. Topics covered in the meeting included the unavailability of the 30-day AIC programs, continuity of care following release from custody, shortage of nursing staff, and lack of competitive salaries. The Coalition team was very impressed with their dedication. Connie shared the Coalitions desire to encourage more positive public relations and shared their ideas about ways to reach out to the community with more information about the facilities and the great things our staff are doing here at NORCOR.



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4.0 Business Manager Updates – Business Manager Nichole Biechler reported that the pay equity process is under way.

4.1 Juvenile RFP Review-

4.1.1 <https://www.norcor.co/juvenile/rfqs/> - Daniel White shared an update on the RFP. It was posted last week. Commissioner Dabulskis made a motion to allow the Business Manager and Juvenile Detention Manager to negotiate and enter into contract with the most appropriate contractor, with the addition of the condition that the fee for services fits within the previously agreed amount for the project. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Pat Shannon.

4.2 Commissioner/Board Tour in December – In December the NORCOR Board will be touring the Juvenile Facility to see all the new renovations and will see the adult facility as well.

4.3 Scheduling County Visits with respective governing Boards – The facility tour in December will include both the NORCOR Board and staff from the Courts as well.

4.4 COVID-19 Update – Jail Manager Joyce Orendorff updated the Board on the most recent COVID-19 activity within the adult facility. She reported there has been several positive cases, however all precautions are in place. In collaboration with NORCOR medical staff and public health, COVID-19 and RSV vaccinations will be available for AIC's and staff.

Amber De Grange shared that they continue to meet regularly. The most recent discussion has been staffing. She gave an overview of renovation changes which will allow for quicker response time, eliminates the punitive setting, and eliminates blind spots.

Daniel White shared that an extensive study shows that the changes with the renovation encourages positive interactions between youth and staff. More interaction moves them more towards a direct supervision model.

Sheriff's – There was no sheriff's meeting this month, the next meeting is scheduled for November 21st.



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4.5 Vehicle Donation Acceptance -

4.5.1 Ford Explorer – Wasco County Sheriff’s Office donated a decommissioned vehicle for NORCOR AIC transports.

4.6 Surplus Vehicle for Auction –

4.6.1 Memo Surplus Dodge Durango – The Dodge Durango will go to surplus via auction. It’s value is less than \$5000.00. There was no vote needed.

5.0 Finance Update –

5.1 Financial –

5.1.1 August Financial Statements – Finance Manager Dale Whipple gave an update on the most recent financials.

6.0 Scheduling of Next Meeting – There will be no NORCOR Board meeting in November 2023, due to OSSA Conference. Next meeting is scheduled for December 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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11/14/23

Date

Commissioner Scott Hege
NORCOR Board Chair

Date