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NORCOR Board Meeting January 19th, 2023

Preliminary Business: To support the Governor's Executive order for social distancing, the NORCOR Board meeting was held as a hybrid meeting offered on two platforms; by ZOOM and also in person at the NORCOR Juvenile Detention Facility at 211 Webber Street, The Dalles, OR.

Board Members: Scott Hege, NORCOR Board Chair; Judge Joe Dabulskis - NORCOR Vice Chair; Pat Shannon- Gilliam County Commissioner.

Oversight: Brad Lohrey, Administrative Sheriff; Molly Rogers, Youth Services Director.

Legal Counsel: Don Hull

Also in attendance: Dan Lindhorst, Joyce Orendorff, Daniel White, Sheriff Lane Magill, Amy Nation, Robbie Johnson, Barb Harris, Tyler Stone, Scott Hege, Tom Mc Coy, Tim Schechtel, Dale Whipple, Rebeccah Beitl, Bill Boyden, Red Stevens, Amber De Grange.

1.0 Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Judge Joe Dabulskis at 10:00 a.m.

- 1.1 Welcome & Introductions.
- 1.2 Additions or Deletions to the agenda There were no additions or deletions.
- 2.0 Public Comment There were no requests for public comment.

3.0 Business Items -

- 3.1 Election of Officers Judge Joe Dabulskis nominated Commissioner Scott Hege for NORCOR Board Chair, Joe Dabulskis as NORCOR Board Vice Chair, Commissioner Pat Shannon as the NORCOR Board Secretary Treasurer, his nominations were seconded by Pat Shannon. All parties were in favor.
- 3.2 Administrative Updates Sheriff Lohrey shared that we just completed our PREA audit. Lieutenant Joyce Orendorff gave an overview of PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). An independent auditor came on site to perform a full investigation of the Adult facility. Upon completion, she reported that not only are we in compliance, but many AIC's reported how well they are cared for at the NORCOR facility.



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Jail Commander Dan Lindhorst gave a description of House Bill HB48, and how that and COVID-19 screening are used to determine the facility population. There are now three Dept. of Justice Release Officers stationed at the NORCOR Facility. Their role is to provide screening for the courts in conjunction with the NORCOR Staff initial screening.

Daniel White shared an overview of the Juvenile Detention facility for the Board. He also shared that they have applied for a grant through the Oregon Youth Authority. If awarded, his grant could provide \$295,000 in funds for making improvements to the Juvenile Detention building. Some of the improvements would be to expand the recreation room, create better access to the outdoor space for the youth, expand the holding areas, and upgrade the pantry.

Amber De Grange gave a full explanation of the statutes surrounding Board members and their responsibilities.

- 4.0 Coalition Presentation Tim Schechtel and Red Stevens of the NORCOR Resource Coalition thanked the Board and the NORCOR staff for their service to the community. They gave an overview of the relationship between NORCOR and the Coalition over the last six years, and how it has evolved into a positive partnership and valuable resource for all.
- 5.0 Board Reflections There was an open discussion with the new Board members where NORCOR staff answered questions and discussed the role and activities of the Board. A work session was suggested to fully inform the Board of a detailed overview of their role and current issues.
- 6.0 Oversight Committee Updates –Sheriff Lohrey mentioned the PREA audit. The Sheriff's did not meet this month. He gave a brief overview of topics recently discussed. The Management Team continues to meet with the Resource Coalition regularly. The Warm Springs contract has been updated & completed. There is no COVID-19 in the facility but continue to follow protocols. Jail Commander Dan Lindhorst gave a full description of what COVID-19 protocols entail.

Molly Rogers shared the changes in the facilities and the structure over the last four years. April 3rd from 5pm-7pm, there will be a meeting at the Discovery Center to discuss the houseless population. Conversations will be to dispel the myth that NORCOR releases people without any resources.

7.0 Adjourn—

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<u>1/19/2023</u> Date

Joe Dabulskis, NORCOR Board Chair

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