



Yamhill County Department of Community Justice Juvenile Corrections Division

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To: Ted Smietana
Director

Re: Additional FET / Juvenile Corrections Division

Ted, In a January 2016 report, the Oregon State Court - Juvenile Justice Mental Health Task Force found an increase in cases involving children with severe mental health needs and complex trauma histories who cannot be placed appropriately. As a result, detention centers are experiencing higher rates of mentally ill youth within their facilities, yet are not designed for youth with serious mental health issues. Many of these youth exhibit behavioral and/or 'borderline' intellectual or functional disabilities, exhibit violent aggression, and have a history of assault, property destruction or sex offenses.

Although our management team has been diligent in keeping staff trained in various mental health interventions, trauma informed care and cognitive programming, a major area of concern is staffing levels on both day and swing shifts. This past year we've had several part time and on-call staff leave for other employment due to hour restrictions from both the YCEA contract and the Affordable Care Act. During a recent four week recruitment period for Juvenile On-Call/Relief positions, we received a total of five applications.

I'm requesting permission to add 1 FTE Juvenile Corrections Specialists at a cost of \$70,996.00 w/roll-ups. To offset this additional cost and operate within our approved 16-17 operational budget, I request amending the Extra Help line (010-077-482.00) from \$209,000.00 to \$138,004.00. The additional staffing will allow us to be less dependent on our on-call staff while strengthening shift teams and improving safety and security.

Thank you,

Scott Paasch
Manager
Juvenile Corrections Division

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on

8.18.14 by Board Order

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