



AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: June 21, 2024

Order Date: July 9, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Community Justice and Rehabilitation Services

PRESENTED BY: Greetje Brunsmann, Parole and Probation Supervisor

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/In the Matter of Establishing a Chaperone Class Fee for Lane County Parole and Probation, Effective the First Scheduled Chaperone Class After Board Approval

I. MOTION

In the matter of establishing a chaperone class fee for Lane County Parole and Probation, effective the first scheduled chaperone class after board approval.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to approve a new fee that allows Parole and Probation to collect \$50 per person when facilitating a Chaperone class, as part of our Sex Offender supervision strategy.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

Historically, the Sex Offender treatment providers would be the lead facilitators of a Chaperone class that was offered quarterly. These Chaperone classes are part of the totality of treatment and rehabilitation of adults convicted of sex offenses on supervision. Given the reduction in treatment providers and the primary focus and approval of a Chaperone shifting to the supervising officer solely, Parole and Probation would like to take over facilitation of that class with the assistance of our contracted treatment provider and collect those fees.

B. Policy Issues

The \$50 fee for the one four class is the same amount collected over the last 10 years. The fees would be utilized for additional training for the staff in the sex

offender supervision unit, as well as for housing for our female clients releasing with no housing options.

C. Board Goals

Strategic Priority #1: Develop an equitable and integrated approach to health, behavioral health, public safety and homelessness so that all residents are safe, healthy, housed and health outcomes are improved.

This is an attempt to utilize a small funding source to help with additional training for staff and housing support for a supervised population that is growing and, at times, is without any viable housing options.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The proposed request to take over the facilitation of the Chaperone class at \$50 a person will allow us an additional funding stream without accessing our general budget. This normally brings in approximately \$1000-\$1500 quarterly.

E. Health Implications

None.

F. Analysis

Lane County Parole and Probation, in conjunction with our sex offender treatment providers, have facilitated one four-hour Chaperone class, quarterly, where participants were charged \$50 for attendance. The purpose of this class is to invite the positive support people in clients' lives to attend an informational class on how to be the best positive and accountable support person for the client who is being supervised for a sex offense. Once that class is taken, the Chaperone is vetted through the Parole and Probation Officer before being approved. Once they are approved, and the client is at that place in their supervision, we begin to allow them to attend activities out in the community with their Chaperone. We also offer the class to Sponsors' mentors, free of charge, who are interested in being an approved Chaperone for a client who may not have any positive support in their lives. Historically, the money collected went to the treatment provider. Given the reduction in treatment providers and the approval process for a Chaperone landing with Parole and Probation, it makes sense to allow us to collect those fees and utilize them in the Sex Offender Supervision Unit for additional training for staff and stable housing options for some of our female clients.

The fees would be utilized for those females convicted of a sex offense that are in need of short term housing. Due to the restrictions of no minor contacts, transitional housing and recovery houses do not have a place to house these individuals and many are left homeless. We would utilize some of these monies to supplement the gap in services for this population. We also would utilize some

of the money for ongoing training for our Parole and Probation Officers who supervise those clients with sex offenses. The supervision of this population is continually changing and would like the unit to have additional monies to be able to stay up on training.

G. Alternatives/Options

Option 1: Allow Parole and Probation's to collect the Chaperone class fees.

Option 2: Leave it as status quo and allow the treatment provider to collect the fees.

Option 3: Not offer the class.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Option 1 – to allow for the collection of the Chaperone class fees by Parole and Probation.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

If the Recommendation is chosen, staff will bring this item to the Board of Commissioners. This would become effective at the first scheduled Chaperone class after Board approval.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

No specific follow-up is required. Staff will follow up on this fee as necessary

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-07-09-03

In the Matter of
Establishing A Chaperone Class Fee For
Lane County Parole And Probation, Effective
The First Scheduled Chaperone Class After
Board Approval

WHEREAS, Parole and Probation has requested to collect the fee for the Chaperone Class to create a new funding stream for the Parole and Probation Sex Offender Supervision Unit; and

WHEREAS, Lane County's Finance and Audit Committee voted to support this proposed collection of the fee by Parole and Probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined the proposed fee to be set to recover the cost of providing the service, consistent with Lane Code 4.005.010.B.4; and

WHEREAS, the service of providing a Chaperone Class is valuable and ensures positive and accountable support for clients convicted of a sex offense.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. A Chaperone Class fee of \$50 is to be collected by Lane County Parole and Probation, becoming effective the first scheduled Chaperone Class after board approval.

ADOPTED this 9th day of July, 2024.

Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners