

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING)	RESOLUTION NO. 85-536
A STANDING REGIONAL ADULT)	
CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE)	Introduced by the
)	Executive Officer

WHEREAS, There is agreement that there is a need for ongoing meetings of a regional corrections task force to resolve mutual corrections problems and develop new policy approaches mutually benefiting all three counties in all aspects of the adult corrections system in the region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. that the three counties in the Portland region, through the creation of a standing Regional Adult Corrections Task Force of representatives of the enforcement, prosecution, administration and judiciary functions of the corrections system, will continue to meet regularly, with the support of the Metropolitan Service District, to resolve mutual corrections problems and develop new approaches mutually benefiting the participants.

2. That the composition of the task force include individuals from Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties, the Metropolitan Service District and the State of Oregon as follows:

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| a. Member of County Commissions/Executive
(each county) | 3 |
| b. Sheriffs (each county) | 3 |

c. District Attorneys (each county)	3
d. Jail Administrators (each county)	3
e. Community Corrections Administrators (each county)	3
f. Circuit and District Court Representatives (each county)	6
g. Metro Councilors	3
h. Director, State Corrections Division or Representative	$\frac{1}{25}$

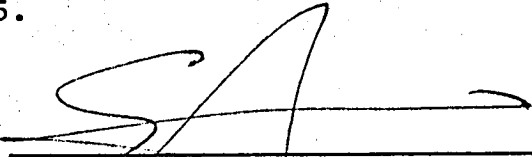
3. That the purposes of the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force include:

- a. Collecting, exchanging, coordinating information on regional adult corrections.
- b. Developing and refining policy positions on regional adult corrections.
- c. Developing fiscal and programmatic solutions for regional adult corrections.
- d. Displaying unity on agreed upon issues.
- e. Developing a regional partnership with State Corrections Division.

4. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District hereby recommends to the Intergovernmental Resource Committee that the work program for the Intergovernment Resource Center include a work element to staff the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force,

paid for by local government dues, and that the specific work program for the Task Force be established by the participating government entities.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 24th day of January, 1985.



Presiding Officer
Ernie Bonner

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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No. 8.3, 8.4

Meeting Date Jan. 24, 1985

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NOS. 85-531
AND 85-536 ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE POSITION
RELATING TO JAILS AND AGREEING TO CONTINUE THE
REGIONAL ADULT CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE

Date: January 5, 1985

Presented by: Steve Siegel

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

On September 25, 1984, the Council of the Metropolitan Service District (Metro) passed Resolution No. 84-502 establishing the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force to prepare a) a 1985 Legislative Action Plan and b) a long-term strategy to resolve adult corrections problems. The Task Force was composed of representatives of the County Commissioners, Sheriffs and District Attorneys in the tri-county area and the Metro Council. The group concluded its mission in December 1984 by recommending that the two attached companion resolutions be adopted by the three counties and Metro.

The primary focus of the Task Force was jail overcrowding. The term "jail overcrowding" is a misnomer in that the courts prohibit the actual physical overcrowding of jail facilities.

The "overcrowding" problem actually manifests itself in terms of a) early releases, b) using alternative facilities and programs in ways they are not best utilized, and c) using jail facilities in ways they are not best utilized. In the tri-county area there are approximately 517 sentenced offenders with a sentenced prisoner jail capacity of 309 beds. There are 371 sentenced offenders in jails, the remainder are either in other residential facilities or on furlough or intensive street supervision.

To begin to resolve the problem, the Task Force recommends a partnership be formed. In this partnership the State would be responsible for A and B felons, the counties would maintain, care and housing responsibility for C felons, misdemeanants, unsentenced and pretrial offenders. There are currently 142 sentenced A and B felons in county jails and 17 more in alternative county programs. The legislative proposal calls for an increased State allocation to the Corrections Division to house, or at least temporarily reimburse counties for, the A and B felons. The proposal also calls for increased Community Corrections Act funds, which have not increased since its inception, for counties to meet their requirements.

In addition to the legislative proposal, the Task Force recommends that the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force, staffed by Metro's IRC, be continued for policy and planning coordination.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolutions No. 85-531 and No. 85-536.

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8.4 Consideration of Resolution No. 85-536, for the Purpose of Establishing a Standing Regional Adult Corrections Task Force

Discussion about this Resolution is described under agenda item 8.3 above.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved that Resolution No. 85-536 be adopted. Councilor Kirkpatrick seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Cooper, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kirkpatrick, Kelley, Myers, Van Bergen, Waker and Bonner

Absent: Councilors Kafoury and Oleson

The motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

8.5 Consideration of Resolution No. 85-537, for the Purpose of Supporting a Postponement Until March 1985 of Final LCDC Action on Happy Valley's Request for Acknowledgment of Compliance

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved that Resolution No. 85-537 be adopted and Councilor DeJardin seconded the motion.

Councilor Gardner asked if this postponement was evidence of any reluctance to comply with the State Land Use Plan. Steve Siegel said city of Happy Valley staff had been doing an excellent job of preparing their Request for Acknowledgment and had been very cooperative with Metro staff.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Cooper, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kirkpatrick, Kafoury, Kelley, Myers, Van Bergen, Waker and Bonner

Absent: Councilors Kafoury and Oleson

The motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Presiding Officer Bonner circulated a letter he said would be mailed to all people on Metro's mailing list. The letter introduced the 1985 Metro Council, its officers and key efforts for the new year.