
Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services (PSS)

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed.¹⁻⁴ **“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?”** The voting citizens in JO CO are basically split on the level of PSS they want, and are able, or want, to pay for. This split is not considered good or bad; it is considered a reflection on the citizens practicing their legitimate right to have differences of opinions when they vote.³

HJSEC’s ADEQUATE INFORMATION STANDARDS⁶ In its research of the JS&PSS issue and sub-issues, the HJSEC will analyze and document selected available information on the JS&PSS issue for compliance with its adequate information standard and its five analysis elements (EI).

Analysis EI 1. Information Is Understood Or Not
Analysis EI 2. Supporting Arguments Are Made Or Not
Analysis EI 3. Standard(s) of Review
Analysis EI 4. Applicable Evidence/Facts
Analysis EI 5. Primary Refs. & Sources of Information

Adequate Information Standard⁷ An informed citizenry and informed decision-making need the facts and, to have and understand, the substantive standards and criteria that apply to a public action identified by the decision-maker.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.
2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society’s Mission*. Hugo, OR.
3. HNA&HS. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. Hugo, OR.
4. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support*. Hugo, OR.

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ANALYSIS ELEMENT 3. STANDARD(S) OR CRITERIA OF REVIEW⁵⁻⁷ The decision-maker must identify the relevant approval standards (i.e., standards and criteria). This implies a process in place to take an action.

STANDARD OF REVIEW An objective standard that requires the decision-maker to verify the existence or non-existence of certain facts or circumstances by observation or measurement.

CRITERIA OF REVIEW A subjective rule that requires the decision-maker to exercise discretion or interpretation, or to exercise legal judgment, in determining compliance.

OR Criminal Justice Commission (OCJC)⁷ Although the OCJC no longer has responsibility, it provided an invaluable service in addressing the standards and criteria to determine **“minimally adequate level of public safety services”** that will continue to be researched. The OCJC’s early premise was the following.

There are substantial differences between counties in terms of, among other things, their geographic and demographic characteristics, historic crime rates and their willingness to tolerate certain levels of crime and their past and present funding of various public safety services. Given these, and other, substantial differences, writing rules for how to determine whether a particular county is providing “minimally adequate public safety services” is a difficult task. What services should be taken into account, what are the key data elements in measuring a particular public safety service and how should they be measured?

Standard(s) Of Review

The OCJC’s rules evolved into OARs for *“Minimally Adequate Public Safety Standards”* (HB 4176 SECTION 1. ORS 203.095). The ORS had OARs with clear standards and criteria of review. For example the definitions section of OAR 213-070-0010 provides the following.

- **“Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services” (MALPSS)** is that level of PSS determined to be required to provide a **reasonable level of public safety** within the CO. The OCJC will determine the level of services that are minimally adequate in a particular CO by following the process set forth in these rules, analyzing the contextual factors present in the county as well as the current and historical levels of PSS provided by the CO.
- **“PSS Emergency”** is a situation in which a CO is in a **state of fiscal distress** that compromises the CO’s **ability to provide a MALPSS. Current Level of PSS OAR 213-070-0020** This rule defines information sources and areas of PSS such as CO jail operations and law enforcement, investigation, and patrol.

Want more information? Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee*.

5. Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee (HJSEC), HNA&HS. August 22, 2013. *Adequate Information to Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work*. Including Appendix A. Hugo, OR.
6. HJSEC, HNA&HS. September 9, 2013. *Adequate Information & Analysis Methodology*. Hugo, OR.
7. HJSEC, HNA&HS. September 10, 2013. *Adequate Analysis: Information Is Understood Or Not*. Hugo, OR.
8. Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Summer 2010. *Executive Director’s Column – Craig Prins*. OCJC Summer 2010 Newsletter. Salem, OR.

Exploratory Committee's Mission

Mission An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of cost for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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“The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.”

December 1, 1862 Annual Message to Congress --
Concluding Remarks by Abraham Lincoln.

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