

DRAFT Skagit County Law & Justice Council

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WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

WILL REICHARDT
MARGARET ROJAS
DAVID JEFFERSON
LISA JANICKI
LIN TUCKER
DALE RAGAN

PHIL MCLAUGHLIN
DON MARLOW
DON MCDERMOT
DEANNA RANDALL-
SECRET
LISA TREMBLAY

ROB SULLIVAN
TIM HOLLORAN
JACQUELYN STYRNA
ROB SULLIVAN
STEVE SIMMONS
AARON KINK

MATT MILLER
JOHN SMALL
CHARLIE WEND
JERRY DODD
BRENT BAILEY
SANDRA KINT
MIKE ELLIS

I. Welcome – Will Reichardt, Chair

Chair Will Reichardt called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and welcomed the Council and guests.

II. Introductions

Attendees, present at the start of the meeting, introduced themselves. The list of names of those attending the meeting is listed above.

III. Review and approval of November 2017 minutes

The minutes from November 2017 Law & Justice Council meeting were reviewed. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Jail Update

CJC Update:

Population of 202 right now. They are booking and releasing 20/day, up from 10/day. Thus, workload and booking is more chaotic. The process of integrating programming and figuring out scheduling continues.

Swinomish Police Department inquired about renting bed space. The Jail Finance Committee will review.

Medical Care- February 1 NAPHCARE Contract begins. This is a 3 year prison health contract that will bring accreditation levels within 18-24 months. Risk is mitigated but it is very expensive at \$2.1 million/year

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Other options are being evaluated for the future. There is new chair of the Jail Finance Committee, Gregg Davidson, from Skagit Regional Health. He is using metrics to evaluate and measure, plus ask the right questions. Margaret Rojas indicated Population Health Trust-Medicaid treatment options will be available

Deanna Randall-Seacrest indicated that 950 people were booked in and 940 released out within 62 days.

The Council decided to keep “Community Justice Center/Jail Update” on the agenda.

V. Presentation by Community Partnership for Transition Solutions (WORKSOURCE AND SVC)

Community Partnership for Transition Solutions (CPTS)—Reentry from jail and prison connecting programs to people in order to lower recidivism

WorkSource ESD is in partnership with DCS and has a long standing history of program delivery for folks with conviction history. There is an Executive order to support Worksource; the group may bring the program into the Community Justice Center.

SVC-Community Integration Club and WWU student Steven monthly visits to justice center and ISCO jail; 50 students are enrolled at SVC for reentry to build career skills. Sometimes the group is just having a conversation on behalf of reentry with a potential employer to break down barriers to employment.

Wrap Around Services: CPTS wants to enhance services and find out about fragmentation, then connect services with people. This will better guide them and support planning and decision making skills. Where are the gaps? CPTS hopes to offer opportunities for people to succeed.

Suggestion from Tom Holleran: Send letter to WWU and SVC recognizing Steven and the club’s contribution to the community. Motion-2nd.
Lisa will also send Janicki HR to the summit.

Chief Tucker asked about the culling process. CPTS mentioned there is a code of conduct and coaching, coupled with internal motivation to overcome obstacles.

Presently, there is a 20 day stay at Community Justice Center. This is not a lot of time to coordinate inmates with CJC leadership for CPTS. So, CJC triages resources.

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VI. Announcements

Population Health Trust: Thank you to Charlie Wend for serving; in need of a new member. Don Marlow will serve.

CPTS Summit 1: January 30th 1-4 NW Career Tech Center.

CPTS Summit 2: February 15th 1-5

Superior Court- Brian Paxton is retiring from Superior Court January 31st. Gwen Holiday, a local attorney, will serve on the bench.

Ken VanLue is leaving the OJC; OJC Open House 12-1:30 1/10/18.

Lin Tucker- Mayor decided upon tonight. 7:00 PM Sedro Woolley

Tim Holloran-Homeless situation/camping downtown:

Compassion and tolerance is needed, but needle and sanitation issues are a concern. A new shelter is open though. Encampments are out of hand and new population arrived. Will have to establish hours for this area. County is locating permits for housing. Proactive units in Marysville and others---more people moved up here from Snohomish County due to arrests of squatters. Spillman system indicates people are from other areas.

County is noticing more young people and more substance abuse issues. The housing crisis plays into this. No long term solutions are in place in Skagit County yet. There are safety and hygienic concerns to the public and employees, plus a lack of clarity on jurisdiction and trespass laws at county level. We must be careful about constitutional rights. Once policy decisions are in place then patrol can make an impact. Erin VonFempe can educate us on new trends. 161 people on her case load. Transients leaving Seattle to MV for safety. Need toilets, showers, and storage units.

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th, 2018

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.