

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 13th, 2013, 8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

CHARLIE WEND	MICHAEL ELLIS	PHIL McLAUGHLIN
SARAH HINMAN	LISA TREMBLAY	TIM HOLLORAN
RON WESEN	SHARON DILLON	SYLVIA JOHNSON
WILL REICHARDT	JENNIFER KINGSLEY	MARC ESTVOLD
BONNIE BOWERS	JOE VALENTINE	DEANNIE NELSON
DELILAH GEORGE	LIN TUCKER	LAURIE JAROLIMEK
LADESSA CROUCHER	ALAN ERICKSON	

Today's meeting began at 8:15 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Chairman, Will Reichardt**.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion and second by the Council that the January 9th, 2013 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed.

PROGRAM: Truancy ARY Care Coordinators, Joelene Meckstroth and Ericka Christensen gave a presentation on programs for the youth of the area who have been petitioned by the courts in regard to truancy and resulting issues. A few of the programs included were Truancy Board, Service With A Purpose (S.W.A.P.), Child In Need of Services (C.H.I.N.S). One new area they are addressing in the growing problem of truancy, is reaching out to educate elementary and middle schoolers of the importance of school attendance. (See handouts)

JAIL FACILITY TASK FORCE: Marc Estvold gave an update on the Jail Coordinating Council progress. The latest decisions have scaled down the proposed new jail to 300 beds upon opening, but that the building will be designed to hold 400 to accommodate future growth. There are 3 sites that are being considered, all within Mount Vernon. The immediate issue at this time is funding. There will be a Public Meeting on Tuesday, 2/26/13 at 7:00pm in the Commissioner's Hearing room to address public questions and concerns on this matter.

DEPARATMENT UPDATES: None at this time.

NEXT MEETING- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

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