

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 14th, 2010, 8:15 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Gregg Freeman	Ken Bergsma	Dave Needy
Tim Holloran	Letty Alvarez	Alan Erickson
Margaret Rojas/ C.Benjamin	Delilah George	Andrea Vallee
Phil McLaughlin	Roxane Goss	Will Reichardt
Laurie Jarolimek		

Today's meeting began at 8:20 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Gregg Freeman**, *Skagit County Jail and Law & Justice Council Vice-Chairman*.

**June 8th, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion and second by the Council that the June 8th, 2010 meeting minutes be approved with changes noted. The motion carried.

**SPEAKER:**

**Susan Leavell**, Program Manager for Department of Correction's new Family Offender Sentencing Alternative, spoke to the Council. FOSA is a positive solution for public safety. Research shows children of incarcerated parents are significantly more likely to end up in the criminal justice system themselves. The goal of this program is to help stop that cycle of criminal activity. (See handout.)

**UPDATE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER:**

**Tim Holloran** updated the group on the Facilities Task Force meeting yesterday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. City roundtable discussions will begin in August to "share the problem" of a new jail with small groups of decision makers. A second set of discussions will begin in September to also include city council members. Emma Whitfield, the county PIO, has been tasked with developing a storyline for the jail video. The task force will also be talking with another jail design group for alternative designs on a limited budget.

**DEPARTMENT NEWS & FOLLOW UP:**

**Andrea Vallee** of the Dispute Resolutions Center, is working with Oasis Teen Center to help with the transition back into the community by bringing in volunteer leaders to talk to teens.

**Tim Holloran** suggested the Big Brothers and Sisters organization out of Whatcom as a speaker for a future meeting.

**Next Meeting-** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th, 2010.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

**COMMENT:** August meeting was later cancelled. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Approved 9/15/2010