

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 2009**

**Attendance**

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| Rick Grimstead  | Ken Bergsma      | John Lum       |
| Chris Loving    | Gregg Freeman    | Linda Eiford   |
| Roxane Goss     | Pam Springer     | Delilah George |
| Chuck Benjamin  | Alan Erickson    | Will Reichardt |
| Nancy Scott     | Tim Holloran     | Gary Shand     |
| Ken Dahlstedt   | Colleen Bowles   | Andrea Reyes   |
| Phil McLaughlin | Laurie Jarolimek |                |

Today's meeting began at 8:15 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from *Gregg Freeman*, **Department of Corrections**, Vice-Chair of the Law & Justice Council.

**July 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion and second by the Council that the July 8th, 2009 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**District Court Probation**, *Linda Eiford* - Current Career opportunities with District Court Probation and CJTC were posted

**WA State DOC**, *Gregg Freeman* - The local DOC Office has completed closure of approximately 150 cases under ESSB 5288. Statewide, the department has closed over 7,600 cases to date. DOC HQ is now reviewing caseloads and making determinations as to where, and how many, layoffs will occur. Caseloads in Mount Vernon dropped by approximately 35%. Layoffs are expected to be completed by October 1st.

**SPEAKERS:**

**At-Risk Intervention Specialists with Youth & Family Services**, *Colleen Bowls and Andrea Reyes* - The presentation provided an overview of the At-Risk Youth Petition program which is a parent driven program. Demographic on the ages, ethnicity, number of petitions filed, and areas served were provided. For an AT RISK YOUTH petition to be filed, the following situation must exist:

The child must be under 18 years old. The child must also:

- Have been absent from home for at least 72 consecutive hours without the parent's consent or,
- Be beyond parental control such that the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child or another person or,
- Have a substance abuse problem for which there are no pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse.

Please forward future program questions and suggestions to Laurie Jarolimek for Council consideration.

The next Law and Justice Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th, 2009. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22a.m.

Approved 9/9/09