

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 9th, 2009**

**Attendance**

Rick Grimstead  
Chris Loving  
Andrea Vallee  
Chuck Benjamin  
Karen Adams  
Phil McLaughlin

Rich Weyrich  
Gregg Freeman  
Maile Keli'ipio-Acoba  
Peter Browning  
Ron Coakley  
Al Jongsma

John Lum  
Linda Eiford  
Delilah George  
Will Reichardt  
Gary Shand  
Laurie Jarolimek

Today's meeting began at 8:20 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from *Gary Shand, Skagit County Jail*, Chair of the Law & Justice Council.

**August 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion and second by the Council that the August 12th, 2009 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried.

**SPEAKER:**

**Everett Community Justice Center**, *Karen Adams, Community Corrections Supervisor 1 for ECJC*, spoke on the operations of a Community Justice Center and ideas we may want to incorporate these programs into our new facility.

- I. The Department has developed Community Justice Centers (CJCs) to provide offenders with programs and services designed to enhance community safety by holding offenders accountable while providing an opportunity to re-enter society in a responsible way. CJC programs and services may be used as an alternative sanction to total incarceration.
- II. CJC resources will be used for offenders transitioning from confinement in jail or prison and/or under supervision in the community.
- III. CJCs will include evidence-based programs that address the offender's identified risk and need factors.
- IV. Services available at CJCs will be based on available resources.  
*(See enclosed handouts for more details.)*

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**North Sound Mental Health**, *Chuck Benjamin, Director* – Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> funding for the peer centers in Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties will be as follows:

Skagit County: \$14,034 per month, or \$168,408 annually  
Snohomish County: \$21,597 per month, or \$259,164 annually  
Whatcom County: \$14,994 per month, or \$179,928 annually

**Health Department**, *Peter Browning, Director* – Reported an unexplained but significant spike in needle use with an increase of 25-30%, many appear to be new users. Chief Reichardt commented that this could be due to the cost of heroin being down and the resulting switch by meth users. Director Browning took the suggestion and was going to run this by the participants at the needle exchange.

Also reported that the Swine Flu media alert has been blown out of proportion as the H1N1 virus has been around all year. The best idea is to stay home when you start to show signs, as that is

when you are highly contagious. When you actually have the flu you are beyond the contagious stage.

**Youth & Family Services, John Lum, Director** – Provided charts and figures detailing juvenile referrals and admissions. (See attached handouts.) Director Lum brought up the idea of creating Law & Justice Council committee on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. It was agreed that he would work on a proposal regarding this matter and submit it to the Executive Committee for consideration. The suggestion was also made to have a legislative briefing for elected officials.

**Criminal Justice Center Update, Gary Shand, Chief of the Jail**- Preliminary sketches and projections by KKE out of Minnesota, for the proposed Criminal Justice Center, as part of Value Engineering were shown. A major change in building requirements for flood planes could significantly reduce costs. Negotiations are continuing.

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

The next Law and Justice Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m.

Approved: 1014/09