

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 12th, 2012, 8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

CHARLIE WEND	WILL REICHARDT	BONNIE BOWERS
KEN DAHLSTEDT	LISA RUMSEY	TIM HOLLORAN
DALE RAGAN	PETER BROWNING	DEANNIE NELSON
JOE VALENTINE	JENNIFER KINGSLEY	MARC ESTVOLD
LaDESSA CROUCHER	LINSI BURTON	ROXANE GOSS
DELILAH GEORGE	LIN TUCKER	LAURIE JAROLIMEK
MIKE MAHONEY	DANIEL DEMPSEY	SHARON DILLON
JERRY DODD	TRINA PARKHURST for ALAN ERICKSON	

Today's meeting began at 8:15 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Charlie Wend**

Previous Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion and second by the Council that the October 10th, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

PROGRAM:

Children's Administration Investigator, Heidi Kennedy, gave an overview of Children's Protective Services in Skagit County. CPS currently has 7 investigators that handle cases of abuse and neglect, by caregivers, involving children from birth to 18 years of age, throughout Skagit County. Child abuse or neglect cases, by other than the caregiver, are handled by law enforcement. Either scenario should be reported to 911, and the correct agency will be respond. Both agencies work with each other on cases. The new DUI laws where children are in the vehicle now require CPS to become involved. Only law enforcement with a court order can remove children from the home. CPS can make recommendations to all parties for voluntary services that are available. Without a court order requiring services, the parties can refuse to participate.

Charlie Wend extended an invitation to a CPS representative to attend the Law & Justice meetings as our purpose it to coordinate services between multiple agencies throughout the county.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Board Elections: The slate of candidates consisted of- **Will Reichardt**, Chairman; **Charlie Wend**, Vice-Chairman; **Jennifer Kingsley**, Member-At-Large. There were no other nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved to elect the candidates nominated for the 2013 Council Board.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

JAIL FACILITY TASK FORCE: Marc Estvold announced that the next meeting of the Jail Coordinating Council would meet on Thursday, December 13th. They hope to move forward on firming up the size, location and funding of the new Jail Facility. Chief Bowers asked if the committee would be considering a combination of Bonds and Sales Tax for funding, and was told by Tim Holloran that this option will be considered. The website for this committee is www.skagitcounty.net/PSFCC, and is open to the public.

NEXT MEETING- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9th, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Approved __1-9-13_____