

Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

November 16, 2015 Task Force Meeting Agenda
Whatcom County Courthouse, Rooms 513/514, 9:00 – 11:00am
311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, WA

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Co Chairs
 - State for the record the meeting date, time, location, and names of committee members present and absent
2. Committee member introductions
3. Review and Approve November 02, 2015 Meeting Summary p. 4-6
4. Presentation from Alyson Batchelder-Bestle with Compass Health re. challenges in care transitions from the jail to the community
5. Sheriff Elfo
6. Reports from Workgroups
 - Susan Gribben: Workgroup A – Reviewing Current Practices
 - Angela Anderson: Workgroup B – Developing Goals for New/Modified Programs
 - Workgroup C – Meeting TBD
7. Ken Mann
8. Document management and e-mail communications
9. Other Business
 - RCW 10.31.110
10. Reminders:
 - Jail Tour – 11/19/2015 @ 10am, Whatcom County Jail
 - Drug Court Graduation – 11/19/2015 @ 2:30pm, Whatcom County Courthouse, third floor.
11. Adjourn

Future Meeting Topics:

King County presentation re. LEAD program in their community

Restorative Justice Coalition

Jackie Mitchell with Whatcom County Human Services re. Jail Behavioral Health Program data

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Task Force Membership

Angela Anderson, Senior Deputy, Whatcom County Public Defender's Office

Jill Bernstein, Citizen Representative, Co-Chair

Jeff Brubaker, Community Paramedic, Bellingham Fire Department

Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager, Whatcom County Health Department

Bill Elfo, Whatcom County Sheriff

Dave Finet, Executive Director, Opportunity Council

Julie Finkbonner, Lummi Nation, Tribal Representative

Stephen Gockley, Board Member, Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA)

Susan Gribbin, Consumer Representative

Daniel Hammill, Bellingham City Council Member

Alfred Heydrich, Superior Court Commissioner, Whatcom County Superior Court

Jack Hovenier, Consumer Representative, Co-Chair

Michael Knapp, Small Cities Caucus Representative, Chief, Ferndale Police Department

Betsy Kruse, Deputy Director, North Sound Mental Health Administration

Kelli Linville, Bellingham Mayor

Byron Manering, Executive Director, Brigid Collins Family Support Center

Ken Mann, Whatcom County Councilmember

Dave McEachran, Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney

Moonwater, Executive Director, Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center

Irene Morgan, Citizen Representative

Darlene Peterson, Bellingham Municipal Court Administrator, City of Bellingham

Chris Phillips, Community Affairs and Strategic Communication Director, PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center

Tyler Schroeder, Executive Special Projects Manager, Whatcom County Executive's Office

Vacant: FQHC Representative

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PHASE I REPORT

Due
January 10, 2016



1. Review current practices and resources.
 - o facilities
 - o programs
 - o funding sources
 2. Benchmark the County's performance against national standards
 3. Develop goals for new or modified programs & projected operational objectives
 4. Determine licensing requirements and program components
 5. Provide general information on expenditures and sustainable revenue projections
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PHASE II REPORT

Due no later than
November 1, 2016



As service facilities are identified in Phase I:

1. Develop facility specifications
 2. Identify possible facility options (either new or existing locations)
 3. Analyze and recommend 1 or 2 options with projected short and medium term costs
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PHASE III REPORT

Due no later than
March 31, 2017



Develop specific operational plans and budgets leading to implementation of appropriate crisis intervention, triage services and incarceration prevention and reduction programs. Include:

1. Details on schedules
2. Assignment of responsibilities
3. Projected outcomes anticipated
4. Possible cost allocations between the County and the cities
5. A basic business plan for each selected initiative

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Attendance

Present	Representing
Anderson, Angela	Whatcom County Public Defender
Bernstein, Jill, Co-Chair	Citizen Representative
Brubaker, Jeff	Bellingham Fire Department
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Elfo, Bill	Whatcom County Sheriff
Gockley, Stephen	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Hammill, Daniel	Bellingham City Council
Heydrich, Alfred	Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner
Hovenier, Jack, Co-Chair	Consumer Representative
Knapp, Michael	Small Cities Caucus, Ferndale PD
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Linville, Kelli	City of Bellingham, Mayor
Manering, Byron	Brigid Collins
Mann, Ken	Whatcom County Council Member
Maute-Gibson, Iris (proxy for Moonwater)	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
McEachran, Dave	Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney
Morgan, Irene	Restorative Justice Coalition
Peterson, Darlene	Bellingham Municipal Court
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive Office
Winter, Greg (proxy for Dave Finet)	Opportunity Council
Apologies	
Phillips, Chris	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Guest Speakers	
Cooke, Mark	ACLU
Deputy Chief Simon	Bellingham Police Department
Staff	
Smith, Veronica	

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order

Jill Bernstein called the meeting to order and Task Force members and guests introduced themselves.

Information: Jack Hovenier noted that the Task Force had received a Request for Investigation from the Restorative Justice Coalition, related to a recent mailing. Jack noted that this Request is outside the scope of the Task Force.

2. Introduction of Task Force Facilitator

Jack Hovenier introduced Veronica Smith of WAHA to the Task Force.



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3. Schedule of Future Meeting Dates

It was noted that some Task Force members have scheduling conflicts. They will do their best to make the current date/time work; and will send proxies when necessary.

4. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Gather, Assess, Integrate, Network, and Stimulate (GAINS) Center Application for Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Workshop

Jack Hovenier informed the group that we have an opportunity for on-site training in Sequential Intercept Mapping through the SAMHSA GAINS Center. The training focuses on Intercepts One and Two, and would occur after the first of the year if our application is accepted.

Action Item: WAHA will complete the application for submission to SAMHSA.

Anne Deacon noted that the Task Force should pursue beginning Sequential Intercept Mapping of programs in Whatcom County because of timing issues.

5. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Jill Bernstein facilitated a conversation about the division of work for Phase One and circulated sign-up sheets for ad hoc committees.

Action Item: sign-up sheets were circulated

6. Presentation by Mark Cooke, Policy Director, Washington Campaign for Smart Justice, ACLU of Washington, and Deputy Chief Simon with the Bellingham Police Department

Mark Cooke presented a slide deck with information about pre-booking and pre-charging alternatives in other regions.

Stephen Gockley noted the need for clear identification of the target population.

Jill Bernstein noted the need for a needs assessment.

Irene Morgan and several other Task Force members identified that there is a lack of effective transitions from jail to the general population.

The Lead program in Seattle was discussed as a possible model; Kelli Linville indicated that she would like to hear from the people doing the work in King County.

RCW 10.31.110 and its guidelines for diversion to a crisis stabilization unit were briefly discussed. Anne Deacon noted that the RCW in combination with the WACs that support it

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may be restrictive. Dave McEachran expressed a concern regarding potential civil liability in some pre-booking diversion situations.

Angela Anderson noted that there are specific areas where we need to come up with creative solutions, and that should be a first focus of the ad hoc committee tasked with that work.

Deputy Chief Simon shared information about Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and the local Crisis Intervention team.

Jeff Brubaker and Anne Deacon briefly discussed the local Crisis Intervention Team, which is funded through the North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA).

Kelli Linville suggested that we should consider the allocation of an FTE to focus on grant writing at some point in the future, and we may want to consider making that a recommendation to the County.

Iris Maute-Gibson and Stephen Gockley both inquired as to best practices for restorative justice and effective solutions in juvenile justice.

7. Other Business

None

8. Public Comment

Sheri Lambert – spoke about the University of Washington’s expansion of their mental health training program.

Joy Gilfilen – as the President of the Restorative Community Coalition, she offered to present on their work to the Task Force at a future meeting.

Amy Mann

Everett Barton

Deborah David

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55am

Next Meeting is November 16, 2015 from 9 – 11am at the Whatcom County Courthouse, Rooms 513/514.