

Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on March 5, 2018

Whatcom County Courthouse Fifth Floor Conference Rooms 513/514, 311 Grand Ave., Bellingham WA

AGENDA

Topic	Requested Action	Presenter	Packet Page(s)
1. Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review February 5, 2018 Meeting Summary • Recent Task Force Successes 	Review	Co-Chairs	1 - 5
2. Committee Updates and Draft Work Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triage Facility Committee • Behavioral Health Committee • Legal & Justice Systems Committee 	Information	Chris Phillips Anne Deacon Stephen Gockley	6 - 21
3. Update by Jurisdictions on Jail Diversion Programs	Information	Bill Elfo Raylene King Nick Lewis Darlene Peterson	N/A
4. District Court and District Court Probation	Presentation	Bruce Van Glubt	N/A
5. Update on planned neighborhood meeting to discuss plans for the remodeled or new crisis triage facility	Update	Tyler Schroeder	22
6. Updates on other committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretrial Processes Workgroup • County Council Criminal Justice Committee work plan 	Updates	Deborra Garrett Stephen Gockley Barry Buchanan	N/A
7. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review assigned tasks • Next meeting topics 			
8. Other Business			
9. Public Comment			
10. Adjourn			

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

IPR TASK FORCE various Mondays 9-11 a.m. Courthouse Conf. Rm 513/514 311 Grand Ave., Bellingham	COMMITTEES			
	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH various Mondays 2:30-3:30 (except where noted) Health Department Creekside Conf. Room 509 Girard, B'ham	LEGAL & JUSTICE SYS. 2 nd Tuesday 11:30 am–1:30 pm Courthouse 5 th Floor Conference Room 514 311 Grand Ave., Bham	TRIAGE FACILITY 3 rd Thursday 9:30-11:00 a.m. Health Dept. Creekside Conference Room 509 Girard, B'ham	STEERING As needed Courthouse County Council Conference Room Courthouse Suite 105 311 Grand Ave., Bham
March 5	March 5	March 13	March 15	March 8: 9:30 a.m.
April 2	April 2: 2-3 pm	April 10	April 19 April 12	
May 14	May 14	May 8	May 17	Tentative future meetings: April/May (annual report)
June 11	June 11	June 12	June 21	
July 16	July 16	July 10	July 19	
August 6	August 6	(no august)	August 9 *	
September 17	September 17	September 11	September 20	
October 15	October 15	October 9	October 18	
November 26	November 26	November 13	November 15	
December 17	December 17	December 11	December 20	September/October (check-in)

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DRAFT Meeting Summary February 5, 2018

1. Call to Order

Task Force Co-Chair Jack Hovenier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Angela Anderson, Anne Deacon, Todd Donovan, Heather Flaherty (proxy for Lisa McShane), Deborra Garrett, Stephen Gockley, Daniel Hammill, Kate Hansen, Jack Hovenier, Raylene King, Kelli Linville, Moonwater, Jeff Parks (Proxy for Bill Elfo), Darlene Peterson, Chris Phillips, Tyler Schroeder, Kathy Walker (proxy for Dave McEachran)

Absent: Jill Bernstein, Jerry DeBruin, Bill Elfo, Deborah Hawley, Nick Lewis, Betsy Kruse, Byron Manering, Dave McEachran, Lisa McShane, Greg Winter

Welcome New Task Force Members

Hovenier welcomed the new Task Force members and acknowledged Angela Anderson's new position as Chief Deputy of the Public Defender's Office and Moonwater's award of Whatcom County Business Woman of the Year.

Recent Task Force success: additional staff for Sheriffs' Office

Parks reported on the crisis intervention deputy in the Sheriff's Office, which will be focused on high users and repeat users of the system with a mental health focus.

The Task Force members discussed how the deputy position will integrate with the New Ground Level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program and the meeting to expand the crisis prevention and intervention team (CPIT) law enforcement liaison.

2. Committee Updates

Gockley, referenced packet page five on drug court improvements and gave an update on the Legal and Justice Systems Committee:

- Drug court staff added a .5 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff and intern
- All drug court personnel are attending national drug court training
- Funding is provided for drug court participant incentives, which is a best practice
- They are identifying future grant opportunities
- The County drug court must use best practices more to obtain funding for the program
- They have identified a location for housing for drug court participants.

The Task Force members discussed the gap in best practices that affects their ability to get outside funding.

Ken Mann, former County Councilmember, updated the Task Force on his exit interview with the Vera Institute of Justice contractors:

- There is no easy, low-hanging fruit, and an ongoing systematic effort is required
- Keep looking for policy changes
- They are encouraged that everyone is participating on the Task Force, particularly the Prosecutor
- Data collection is not robust enough
- They are positive about pretrial risk assessment and seem to prefer the Virginia Model

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Donovan reported on the Steering Committee:

- The Committee recommends forming an Information and Data Exchange (INDEX) Committee
- The committee will make a recommendation on the role of Task Force member proxies
- The committee made minor edits to the January final report on creating a work plan for the Task Force and its committees.
- The future role of the Triage Facility Committee as the new facility develops

5. Amendment to Rules of Order

Hovenier reported for the Steering Committee on the proposed motion to amend the rules of order regarding the role of proxies. The amendment will make their representation more consistent and allow proxies as voting members on committees.

Donovan moved to approve the amendment to the rules of order to add a section, "Proxy Representatives. Task Force members are encouraged to designate proxies to attend and participate, with full voting rights, in any Task Force or committee meeting in their absence. Task Force members may request Task Force approval to permanently represent them, with full voting rights, on any subcommittee to which they are not assigned." The motion was seconded.

The Task Force members discussed the motion, the benefits of representation, concerns with the proxy not having enough background information, whether they are expanding the use of the proxies, whether a Task Force member can join more than one subcommittee instead of assigning a proxy, and how a proxy can continue to participate when the Task Force member arrives mid-meeting.

Deacon suggested an amendment "Proxy Representatives Proxies/Representatives. Task Force members are encouraged to designate proxies to attend and participate, with full voting rights, in any Task Force or committee meeting in their absence. Task Force members may request Task Force approval to permanently represent them, with full voting rights, on any subcommittee to which they are not assigned." The suggestion was approved by general consent.

Motion carried 14-1 with Hammill opposed and Peterson and Garrett abstaining.

3. Discussion of Task Force Committees

Hovenier reported for the Steering Committee recommendation to form a fourth subcommittee called the Information Needs and Data Exchange (INDEX) Committee to include both Task Force and non-Task Force members.

Schroeder stated the purpose of the committee would include:

- Comprehensive data understanding
- Identify data needs
- Identify hardware and software needs
- Data validity
- Identifying the questions to ask and the information to offer
- Understand what information is available, beginning with the Vera Institute report
- Have the subcommittees would provide additional requests for information

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Hovenier moved to create the Information Needs and Data Exchange (INDEX) Committee with the initial committee members consisting of the following designees: County Executive representative Tyler Schroeder as initial coordinator, Blaine Municipal Court Administrator Raylene King, Bellingham Municipal Court Administrator Darlene Peterson, District Court Administrator Bruce Van Glubt, Superior Court Administrator Dave Reynolds, Sheriff's Deputy Caleb Erickson, Prosecutor Dave McEachran, Public Defender Starck Follis, and Health Department supervisor Perry Mowery or their designees. The motion was seconded.

Task Force members discussed adding an information needs component to insure the subcommittees provide the information that needs to be collected, including community input to make sure they're asking the right questions for the long-term.

Task Force members suggested amendments...Committee **to obtain the information needed to effectively report on Task Force progress in areas of concern**, with the initial..." Hovenier accepted the suggested amendments to the motion. The amendments were seconded.

Task Force members discussed:

- Identifying the participants by organization only,
- Whether the participating Task Force members would still be allowed to be on the Legal and Justice Subcommittee
- The time commitment of creating another committee, a realistic assessment and evaluation of the complexity surrounding what will actually work given the existing resources and infrastructure
- Technical committee versus policy committee
- Allowing its INDEX Committee/Task Force members continue to be members if their regular subcommittee
- Including an information technology expert
- County funding for an integrated criminal justice technology project to consider how to implement Odyssey in the criminal justice departments of the County
- Recommendations on data needs Could come from:
 - Task Force members would consult the staff from their agencies to identify the data they have now and the data gaps that exist, and bring that information to their respective committees
 - Committees would gather the individual requests from the Task Force members and report to the full Task Force
 - The Task Force would review the committee reports and provide guidance to the INDEX Committee on focusing its work

Phillips suggested an amendment, "Ideally the INDEX committee should be comprised of appropriate policy-oriented and technical representatives from the following organizations..." and delete the specific names.

Linville suggested that the IPRTF subcommittees bring forward their data needs to the full Task Force for discussion, and the new INDEX Committee would be a technical committee that is guided by policy recommendations of the Task Force and its committees.

Hovenier withdrew his motion by general consent.

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Hovenier moved to create the Information Needs and Data Exchange (INDEX) committee or workgroup to obtain data information needed to effectively report on Task Force progress and areas of concern. Tyler Schroeder, representing the County Executive's Office, shall coordinate and recommend a list of initial representatives for Task Force approval after initially receiving information needs requests from the Task Force, Task Force subcommittees, City of Bellingham, the small cities in Whatcom County, County departments, and Whatcom County policy makers. The motion was seconded.

Schroeder suggested that the motion go to the Steering Committee.

Task Force members discussed developing a scope of work and work plan for the committee, leaving the process open to request information as needed, identifying whether they already have the data they need, whether the cost of getting certain data would exceed the value of the data, the potential for failure due to a project scope that continually enlarges, and the difference between identifying data that the Task Force wants versus the data on how the system is operating.

Hovenier withdrew his motion by general consent.

Hovenier moved that the Steering Committee explore creation of the Information Needs and Data Exchange (INDEX) committee or workgroup. The motion was seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Hovenier distributed the Task Force 2018 committee signup sheet.

4. Update by Jurisdictions on Jail Diversion Programs

Parks reported for the Sheriff's Office:

- Yakima jail contract
- Emergency repairs to the jail
- The primary focus of the crisis intervention deputy is diversion
- The success of the triage facility

The Task Force members discussed crisis intervention teams and electronic home monitoring in District Court.

Peterson reported for the City of Bellingham:

- She will provide the 2017 summary at the next meeting
- The success of the Friendship Diversion Services program
- Pretrial defendants are being sent to Yakima
- The Task Force will need to discuss how to handle the upcoming jail inmate reductions due to repair work on the jail

King reported for the Small Cities:

- Blaine is looking into video court appearances for defendants in Yakima
- The cities are struggling with competing with the City of Bellingham on transportation to and from Yakima
- The small cities need to consider whether a contract with Friendship Diversion Services would be feasible.

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- An October warrant amnesty day for driving while license suspended-3rd degree was successful, and they will implement twice per year.

6. Review and approval of IPR Task Force Planning Session Summary Report from Crossroads Consulting

Hovenier reported for the Steering Committee on its amendments to the report. No Task Force approval is necessary.

7. Other Business

Schroeder reported on the adoption of the State capital budget in Olympia, which includes \$7 million for the expansion of the Triage Facility. Next steps include work with the architect, Ron Wright.

Phillips and Deacon described the plans for the new Triage Facility:

- The facility includes acute detox, which is medically monitored
- They are considering expansion of the existing facility versus building a new facility at the same location.
- The facility will be used as a drop off for law enforcement and also a step-down facility from the hospital.
- The staffing level will allow the facility to operate as an alternative to the hospital emergency department
- First responders will be able to stop at the triage facility instead of the emergency room
- It will be Medicaid-reimbursable

The Task Force members discussed the total number of beds that will be available, how a step-down facility works, allowed length of stay, connecting people to services when they're released, whether the triage facility will relieve crowding at the hospital instead of the jail if it's operating as a hospital step-down facility, the Triage Facility as a regional facility, clinical decisions on who gets to use the triage facility, and the project manager for the City of Bellingham attending the subcommittee.

8. Next Steps: Ideas and Further Information

This item was not discussed.

9. Public Comment

Joy Gilfilen spoke about the Task Force becoming a bureaucracy, the need to listen to the inmates, and a behavioral health and jail needs assessment.

Irene Morgan spoke about the need to listen to the inmates, a behavioral health and jail needs assessment, funding, and keeping the current triage facility in addition to the new triage facility.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Triage Facility Subcommittee
DRAFT Meeting Summary for February 15, 2018

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Chris Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Health Department Creekside Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham.

Members Present: Anne Deacon, Todd Donovan, Sandy Whitcutt (proxy for Betsy Kruse), Jeff Parks, Chris Phillips, Tyler Schroeder

Members Absent: Kate Hansen and Jack Hovenier

Review December 14, 2017 Meeting Summary

Whitcutt stated the summary should be amended to show she attended.

2. Draft Priorities and Work Plan

The committee members discussed the committee work plan:

- Continue reviewing and monitoring crisis triage facility capital construction
- Facility operations, including funding, staffing, and programming
 - From the Vera Institute Report: explore the option of a sobering center program at the facility
- Review, monitor, and coordinate facility access to first responders. Educate first responders on how to access and use the facility.
- Review the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) triage facility priority as a step-down facility for Peace Health St. Joseph Hospital
- Ensure effective links with the Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program

The purpose of the subcommittee is emerging to be multi-faceted. First, the committee advises and recommends policy and direction to the full Task Force for construction and operation of the crisis triage facility. Second, the committee supports the Health Department as this work advances. Third, the committee functions as a sounding board for the administration as they advance the facility capital project.

3. Identify Ideal Data Needs of the Committee

Schroeder reported for the Steering Committee's request on identifying data needs for the proposed new data subcommittee. Data that would be useful to this committee include:

- Number of law enforcement drop-offs

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- Number of people going into the facility, leaving the facility, and length of stay in the facility.
- Number of admittance denials due to lack of space
- Capacity relative to use in real time
- Number of discharges
- Transfers to treatment and other services
- Whether the triage facility is used to divert people from jail
- If someone is admitted to the triage facility from the hospital, identify the pathway the person followed to arrive at the hospital in the first place. They need to know how the person got to the emergency room before going to the triage center.
- Measure success by increasing referrals from law enforcement and jail and, eventually when certified, from emergency medical services.
- Information on self-referrals
- Need to know if they accomplished the goal of keeping people out of jail
- Create clear categories to identify why people were not admitted and/or denied admittance
- Number of repeat contacts
- Eventual outcome of people referred to the facility
- Data exchange and availability with EMS and law enforcement. Link to statewide ER data system for data exchange
- Number of admissions versus number of people
- Demographic data on the people, such as gender and age
- Payer/payment information (Medicaid versus private insurance)

Deacon submitted a handout of the existing data on the triage facility for January 2018. Whitcutt stated she would provide similar data from the BHO on the triage facility.

The committee discussed:

- How recidivism is not a bad thing in the context of treatment
- They must consider the time and cost of tracking data
- They must consider who owns the data
- Integrating Peace Health and the triage facility's real-time capacity into the EMS's ImageTrend electronic patient care reporting (ePCR) system project
- The upcoming transition from the BHO to the managed care organizations (MCOs)
- Deacon's upcoming meeting with the MCOs to talk about how they will fund Medicaid services, including funding the triage facility at capacity, not per diem. Have the Task Force take a position with the five MCOs and send a letter to support cost reimbursement at a capacity rate.
- Hold the discussion on data to the next subcommittee meeting
- Throughout the data exchange process, they still need to protect people's privacy

4. Update on Triage Facility architectural design

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Deacon submitted and the committee discussed the draft plans for option 1, a remodel of the existing facility, and for option 2, a new facility (*on file*).

The committee discussed the process for choosing an option, any potential problems with the land, the need to co-locate the offices of designated mental health and crisis intervention, and plans for an upcoming community meeting.

5. Update on Triage Facility funding

Deacon reported that they now have \$12.5 million for construction:

- \$5 million for mental health from State capital budget
- \$2 million for detox from the State capital budget
- \$2.5 million from the Behavioral Health Organization (BHO). These funds will be expended after the State funds.
- \$3 million from the local behavioral health fund. The funds will be expended last.

The committee discussed the local money used for capital and operations. Hopefully insurance will pay for all operations. Building maintenance will be funded from the local behavioral health fund.

Schroeder submitted a handout (on file) of a draft budget worksheet for option 2.

The committee discussed the draft budget and the process for finalizing the plan with the State Department of Health.

6. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

For March, schedule continued discussion of the committee work plan and draft data needs list, architectural design options, and construction budget.

Deacon to present update on transition to managed care organizations (MCOs) to the full Task Force in March with a draft letter of support, and to the Council's Public Works and Health Committee.

7. Other Business

The Committee rescheduled its April meeting to April 12, same time and location.

8. Public Comment

Lynn Campbell asked for information on the total number of triage facility beds when the project is done.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Behavioral Health Subcommittee
DRAFT Meeting Summary for February 5, 2018

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Anne Deacon called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. at the Health Department Creekside Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham.

Members Present: Anne Deacon, Dan Hammill, Byron Manering,

Also Present: Stephen Gockley, Starleen Lewis (Unity Care Northwest)

Members Absent: Greg Winter

2. Review draft priorities, work plan, and Task Force retreat

The Committee members discussed the strategies in the VERA report that were assigned to the Behavioral Health Committee, including:

- Equip law enforcement officers with tools to de-escalate and divert people with experiencing behavioral health crises
- Pursue opportunities to coordinate care between county agencies
- Improve data collection system

Deacon reported on the Health Department budget of \$20,000 for training and consultation. In the past, they've spent those funds on:

- Sending sheriff deputies to crisis hostage negotiation training
- Bellingham Police 40 hours crisis intervention team (CIT) training curriculum
- It's time to host another emergency medical services (EMS) training
- One new task would be creating an annual calendar to track training for agencies
- Deacon will find out the specific training information that agencies track
- The committee could create an informal survey of needed additional training

The committee discussed:

- Expanding crisis prevention and intervention (CPIT)
- How this committee works with the Homeless Strategies Workgroup and Lummi Nation
- How to work with the Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee on housing for drug court participants
- Behavioral health services to homeless shelter users
- The coordinated outreach and recovery support (CORS) program
- A part-time mental health professional working at City Gate and the Lighthouse Mission to connect people with acute psychiatric systems to services and treatment
- A full-time position on the homeless outreach team (HOT) who has a specialty in substance use disorders
- The decrease in referrals to mental health court from the Public Defender's Office

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- The competing values between getting someone out of jail as soon as possible and referrals to treatment programs
- Drug court best practices and inviting drug court and mental health court to discuss services
- Housing as incentive for specialty courts
- The need for another Oxford House
- Whether drug court can have a program that is less than two years
- Including Lummi Nation representative on the committee
- Meth versus opiate use
- Ground level response and coordinated engagement (GRACE) program update, logic model, and funding
- Diverting non-violent defendants to services
- Focus on substance use disorder (SUD) treatment needed in a co-occurring disorders treatment program
- Framing the discussion of addressing all these issues from the victim's voice and public safety

3. Potential funding sources and legislative options

Held to March meeting.

4. Update on GRACE project

Deacon submitted a handout on the February 2 GRACE program team meeting that includes the logic model for the program. *(See above discussion.)*

5. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

Held to March meeting:

- Data needs for Information and Data Exchange (INDEX) Committee
- Potential funding sources and legislative options
- GRACE leadership meetings update from Dean Wight
- City of Bellingham implementation of a GRACE-like program

Schedule future discussions on:

- Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2263 regarding funding for mental health and cultural activities and competing funding requests
- Drug Court *(Schedule special meeting time during the lunch hour)*
- Hammill to report on GRACE Program efforts with City of Bellingham Police Chief
- Deacon to report on Dr. Kartman's suboxone program
- Mike Parker update on homeless outreach team (HOT) and new behavioral health specialist

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6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Legal & Justice Systems Subcommittee
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1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Stephen Gockley called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. in the Whatcom County Courthouse Conference Room 514, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

Members Present: Angela Anderson, Deborra Garrett, Stephen Gockley, Raylene King, Dave McEachran, Lisa McShane, Moonwater, Jeff Parks (proxy for Bill Elfo), Darlene Peterson

Members Absent: Jill Bernstein, Bill Elfo

Review Meeting January 9, 2018 Summary

This item was not discussed.

2. Update on Drug Court Improvements

Gockley referenced and reported on the updated report on drug court improvements on meeting packet pages 5-6.

3. Draft Priorities and General Work Plan

Gockley reported on the task to update the work plan using the Vera Institute report and other committee projects.

The committee discussed projects, which include:

- Changes in statutes regarding domestic violence treatment
- Restorative practices and their role in preventing incarceration
- Reentry support for people coming out of jail. They need data on how many people recidivate soon after leaving jail
- Deeper incarceration reductions on an interim basis due to upcoming jail remodel projects. Possible anticipation of one cell block (approximately 40 beds) closed per time.
- Need to reduce trend of new felonies committed soon after release. Review release decisions.
- Update from Bruce Van Glubt on District Court

The committee discussed the upcoming plans for jail repair and the need to revisit the list of projects whiteboarded at past meetings to merge all these lists. (*See the attached Merged Project List.*)

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4. Identify the ideal data needs of the committee

The committee discussed ideal data needs.

Suggestions regarding specific **data points** to collect:

- Collect and distinguish between booking, court, and jail information/data
- How many people have concurrent warrants in multiple jurisdictions?
 - Does this person have active warrants from another jurisdiction?
 - If Yes, which jurisdictions?
- How many warrants are for someone who also has active warrants in another jurisdiction
 - Does this person listed in this warrant have active warrants in another jurisdiction?
Booked offense(s) (*felony*)
- Final charge(s) (from the Prosecutor) (*felony*)
- Booked citation charge(s) (*gross misdemeanor*)
- Bond amount by prosecutorial charge
- Does the defendant have a history with one of the special courts?
- Recidivism: how long after jail or court release until the person was booked on a new crime?

Suggestions regarding data **collection system**:

- The ability to collect, sort, and report data by person
- The ability to collect, sort, and report data by warrant
- The ability to collect, sort, and report data by booked offense and final charge (*felony*) and by booked citation charge (*gross misdemeanor*)
- The ability to run a report on the number of people booked (*probable cause*) under each booked offense
- The ability to run a report on the number of people charged (*prosecutorial*) under each final charge

Suggestions regarding **data interpretation and processes**:

- Consider a combined multi-jurisdictional court dates for people with concurrent warrants in more than one jurisdiction.
- Enhanced data sharing: The systems of all jurisdictions must communicate. Provide access for each jurisdiction to easily access data from other jurisdictions.
- Create baseline information and benchmarks that can be monitored to track success of programs and processes.
- Distinguish between the data points/categories and the algorithms of the report to produce correct interpretations of the data
- Create accurate and consistent definitions
- People entering data need to be adequately trained to enter consistent information correctly
- Algorithms must be accurate
- Take advantage of new technology for efficiency in data entering and reporting.

5. Update on developing a pretrial risk assessment tool and pretrial supervision unit

Garrett reported on the purpose statement, work group participants, meeting schedule and timeline, how factors are weighted, the importance of local validation, and having Dr. Van Wormer

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consult during the early stages. They are reluctant to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a pretrial risk assessment.

The committee discussed the State's pretrial task force and the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of assessment systems, including static vs. dynamic assessment tools and the importance of local validation.

6. Other Business

The committee discussed the vice-chair position for the committee and decided that they would elect a vice-chair for a meeting on an as-needed basis.

7. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

Next meeting topics include work plan and data identification, an update on the pretrial risk assessment workgroup, and discussion of the committee's annual report.

8. Public Comment

Irene Morgan spoke on how mentally ill repeat offenders are traumatized. They need mentoring and case management. She supports multi-jurisdictional court data sharing. Use interns to input data.

Andronetta Douglas spoke on resources and data inputting in the medical system and benefits of universally-accepted records and data.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

LEGAL AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

Merged Project List

Items from Vera Report
Items from February 2018 committee meeting

Items from whiteboard brainstorming on May 2016
Miscellaneous items mentioned, from Clerk's Notes

COMPLETED

Social Workers in Public Defender's Office

- Support services for Public Defender's Office

Voluntary in-custody work crew
Modify the guidelines for jail alternatives
Other?

IN PROCESS (not prioritized)

1. Adopt and validate a data-driven pretrial risk assessment system (13 dots)
2. Establish Regional Pre-trial monitoring services program to serve all Whatcom County Courts (13 dots)
 - Pretrial Case Management: Phone Call Reminders
 - Pretrial Case Management: Social Workers
 - Electronic home monitoring: Pretrial
 - Implement policies and procedures that will reduce number of bench warrants issued for FTAs (4 dots)
3. Expand book and release practices, including from police stations (addition: expand concept to include pre-arrest diversion) (2 dots)
 - Explore LEAD Program
4. Increase opportunities for people to resolve outstanding warrants (2 dots)
 - Law enforcement warrant ?? (new guidelines for this)
5. Develop mechanisms to prevent jail admissions for violations of probation/parole (2 dots)
 - Review probation violations
6. Facilitate opportunities for individuals to pay off fines assoc. with moving violations (1 dot)
 - Review strategies for reducing fines/interest
7. (NEW) Use EHM to facilitate improvements in Whatcom County (1 dot)
8. Explore how EH and EHM can reduce bench warrants (1 dot)
9. Analyze warrant data to understand the scope of the problem to target responses appropriately (also include in data considerations) (0 dots)
10. Changes in statutes regarding domestic violence treatment (scheduled for April with confirmation from Karen Burke)
11. Further implementation of restorative practices and their role in preventing incarceration
 - Place current programs on the restorative justice spectrum. See Moonwater presentation.
12. Consider deeper incarceration reductions on an interim basis due to upcoming jail remodel projects

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Merged Project List

- 13. Need to reduce trend of new felonies committed soon after release. Review release decisions
- 14. Reentry support
 - Re-entry services
 - Connections to community services
 - Community resource sheet for defendants
 - Ease of entry for behavioral health services
- 15. Update on District Court from Bruce Van Glubt
- 16. Expand drug court

DISCUSSED, NO ACTION TAKEN

Better transportation for court clients
Good Time ratio
Better use of jail alternatives / Division Street Resources
Licensing Program
Electronic home monitoring: Post-trial
Electronic home monitoring: Use of private EHM providers
System changes (i.e. when people are evaluated for alternatives): In-custody mental health & chemical dependency evaluations
Courthouse jail alternatives screening kiosk

NOT DISCUSSED

On demand out of custody D & A (drug & alcohol) evaluations
Review bail standards and amounts
Review Spokane's SMHA Justice Programs
Portability court

- Portability Court and weekend telephone hearings: it's benefits and problems

More charge-specific diversion programs
Decriminalization of status offenses
Create a community court
Moonwater and Bruce Van Glubt to discuss creating/reinstating program: Anti-harassment mediation and past District Court Sentencing Alternatives Program
Can there be an effective drug court option that doesn't take 2 years? A tiered system?

- How to create incentives for people to choose long drug court program?

The Lummi Nation possibly would like to take prosecutorial jurisdiction over its members. (Check with Nick Lewis on this item.)
Update on options for how to make drop down more attractive to defendants.

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Draft Work Plan items

Items from Vera Report
Items from February 2018 committee meeting

Items from whiteboard brainstorming on May 2016
Miscellaneous items mentioned, from Clerk's Notes

COMPLETED

Social Workers in Public Defender's Office

- Support services for Public Defender's Office

Voluntary in-custody work crew
Modify the guidelines for jail alternatives
Other?

IN PROCESS (not prioritized)

1. Adopt and validate a data-driven pretrial risk assessment system (13 dots)
2. Establish Regional Pre-trial monitoring services program to serve all Whatcom County Courts (13 dots)
 - Pretrial Case Management: Phone Call Reminders
 - Pretrial Case Management: Social Workers
 - Electronic home monitoring: Pretrial
 - Implement policies and procedures that will reduce number of bench warrants issued for FTAs (4 dots)
3. Expand book and release practices, including from police stations (addition: expand concept to include pre-arrest diversion) (2 dots)
 - Explore LEAD Program
4. Increase opportunities for people to resolve outstanding warrants (2 dots)
 - Law enforcement warrant ?? (new guidelines for this)
5. Develop mechanisms to prevent jail admissions for violations of probation/parole (2 dots)
 - Review probation violations
6. Facilitate opportunities for individuals to pay off fines assoc. with moving violations (1 dot)
 - Review strategies for reducing fines/interest
7. (NEW) Use EHM to facilitate improvements in Whatcom County (1 dot)
8. Explore how EH and EHM can reduce bench warrants (1 dot)
9. Analyze warrant data to understand the scope of the problem to target responses appropriately (also include in data considerations) (0 dots)
10. Changes in statutes regarding domestic violence treatment (scheduled for April with confirmation from Karen Burke)
11. Further implementation of restorative practices and their role in preventing incarceration
 - Place current programs on the restorative justice spectrum. See Moonwater presentation.
12. Consider deeper incarceration reductions on an interim basis due to upcoming jail remodel projects

LEGAL AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE
Draft Work Plan Items

13. Need to reduce trend of new felonies committed soon after release. Review release decisions
14. Reentry support
 - Re-entry services
 - Connections to community services
 - Community resource sheet for defendants
 - Ease of entry for behavioral health services
15. Update on District Court from Bruce Van Glubt
16. Expand drug court

DISCUSSED, NO ACTION TAKEN

Better transportation for court clients
Good Time ratio
Better use of jail alternatives / Division Street Resources
Licensing Program
Electronic home monitoring: Post-trial
Electronic home monitoring: Use of private EHM providers
System changes (i.e. when people are evaluated for alternatives): In-custody mental health & chemical dependency evaluations
Courthouse jail alternatives screening kiosk

NOT DISCUSSED

On demand out of custody D & A (drug & alcohol) evaluations
Review bail standards and amounts
Review Spokane's SMHA Justice Programs
Portability court

- Portability Court and weekend telephone hearings: it's benefits and problems

More charge-specific diversion programs
Decriminalization of status offenses
Create a community court
Moonwater and Bruce Van Glubt to discuss creating/reinstating program: Anti-harassment mediation and past District Court Sentencing Alternatives Program
Can there be an effective drug court option that doesn't take 2 years? A tiered system?

- How to create incentives for people to choose long drug court program?

The Lummi Nation possibly would like to take prosecutorial jurisdiction over its members. (Check with Nick Lewis on this item.)
Update on options for how to make drop down more attractive to defendants.
Portability Court and weekend telephone hearings: it's benefits and problems

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

Draft Work Plan Items

Training

- Host an updated EMS training
- Create an annual calendar to track training for various agencies
- Determine the specific training information that agencies track
- Create a survey of needed additional training

Funding

- Seek more funding sources and opportunities
- Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2263 regarding funding for mental health and cultural activities and competing funding requests

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- Reviewing Local Suboxone Programs
- Update on Dr. Kartman's program
- Update on opiate vs. meth use (later in 2018)

Housing

- Review whether housing be an incentive to participate in specialty courts
- Review how to create another Oxford House
- Review the possibility of housing specifically for drug court participants

Coordinate with other agencies and work groups

- Homeless Strategies Work Group
- Lummi Nation
- Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee on housing for Drug Court participants

Review existing and potential programs and policies

- Coordinated outreach and recovery support (CORS) program
- Ground level response and coordinated engagement (GRACE) program
- The competing values and ethics between getting someone out of jail as soon as possible and referrals to specialty courts that take more time (Judge Montoya-Lewis and Chris Furman for drug court, Judge Elich and Pete Smiley for mental health court)
- Can drug court have a program that is less than 2 years
- Explore the possibility of further expanding CPIT in the Sheriff's Office

TRIAGE FACILITY AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

Draft Work Plan items

The purpose of the subcommittee is emerging to be multi-faceted. First, the committee advises and recommends policy and direction to the full Task Force for construction and operation of the crisis triage facility. Second, the committee supports the Health Department as this work advances. Third, the committee functions as a sounding board for the administration as they advance the facility capital project. Draft Work Plan items include:

Continue reviewing and monitoring crisis triage facility capital construction

Facility operations, including funding, staffing, and programming

- From the Vera Institute Report: explore the option of a sobering center program at the facility

Review, monitor, and coordinate facility access to first responders. Educate first responders on how to access and use the facility.

Review the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) triage facility priority as a step-down facility for Peace Health St. Joseph Hospital

Ensure effective links with the Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program



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County to Host Public Meeting on Expanded Crisis Triage Center

BELLINGHAM, WA — The County will host a public meeting on March 6, 2018 at 5:30pm to unveil plans and seek public input on the upcoming expansion of the County's Crisis Triage Center. With \$9.5 million in state funding, this project will more than double the capacity of the facility's behavioral health services for those experiencing mental health and substance use disorder crises.

Currently the [Crisis Triage Center](#) has five beds to serve clients facing acute mental health concerns and eight beds for substance use detox services. The expanded Center will have 16 beds for mental health services and 16 beds for detox services. In addition to the increased physical space, the Center will also provide a greater range of behavioral health treatment, including medically monitored, acute detox services for clients with potential complications associated with withdrawal.

"The community has identified this project as a big step toward diverting individuals from the jail and into treatment services. This expansion of the current Triage Facility increases our capacity to do that. It will also provide an alternative to the hospital's emergency department for those who don't require that higher level of care", states County Executive, Jack Louws.

Expanding the current Crisis Triage Center was identified as a key priority of the Whatcom County [Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force](#). The increased capacity at the facility will enable law enforcement and healthcare personnel to offer more options to individuals they encounter who have acute behavioral health concerns, providing a better alternative than incarceration and linking those individuals to appropriate care. It will also reduce the number of individuals in crisis who seek treatment at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center's emergency department.

Construction of the expanded facility has been made possible by a \$7 million allocation from the Washington State capital budget. The North Sound Behavioral Health Organization which oversees behavioral health crisis services in the Northwest Washington region, contributed an additional \$2.5M from their state allocation to the project.

The Crisis Triage Center offers services to adult individuals experiencing acute behavioral health symptoms and helps them restore and stabilize their health. All patients enter the Center on a voluntary basis. In addition to managing immediate crises, the Center also offers other behavioral health services and is often a first step into the coordinated continuum of care provided by local agencies to those whose needs are greater than what can be met by a single intervention.

The March 6 meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Whatcom Transportation Authority's administrative offices at 4011 Bakerview Spur.

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