

**Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Steering Committee
Meeting Summary for July 8, 2021**

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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held remote-only via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Barry Buchanan, Arlene Feld, Stephen Gockley, Dan Hammill, Jack Hovenier, Raylene King, Mike Parker

Members Absent: Anne Deacon, Caleb Erickson, Tyler Schroeder

2. Items for next Task Force agenda ([00:01:12](#))

The committee members concurred to schedule the following items on the July 19, 2021:

- 2021 Washington State Policing Practices and Oversight Legislation

The committee members discussed potential impacts from House Bill 1310 regarding law enforcement response to behavioral health calls; status of behavioral health response program; how the IPRTF will address House Bill (HB) 1310 and other bills that came out of the legislature in the last session, and other limitations on policing; workforce and equipment shortages; incarceration rates spiking when people aren't given access to de-escalation; interpreting the legislation and implementing policy conservatively due to potential consequences to law enforcement, which resulted in law enforcement not responding to behavioral health calls if there is no crime being committed; educating the Task Force on what's happening; the need to know how local law enforcement is implementing policies, and; potentially scheduling a special IPRTF meeting in August if it's necessary to take action.

Committee members also discussed an upcoming presentation to the IPRTF in September with Dr. Alexis Harris, including:

- Dynamics used to pull data for racial equity purposes, using different tools from tools they've had available
- Guidance and instruction to help them make sure the data they are using is accurate and consistent with all races and ethnicities
- If possible, ensure Caleb Erickson and Dr. Andrew Peterson can attend

3. Process for updating IPRTF Strategic Plan ([01:00:00](#))

Committee members discussed the need to identify which topics would be assigned to each committee, or to multiple committees jointly; identifying short-, medium-, and long-term priorities; later in the fall when more pressing issues are addressed, schedule before the committees for initial review, and; frequency of joint committee meetings.

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4. Update on Communications Strategy [\(01:07:28\)](#)

Committee members discussed a draft scope of work for a communications specialist for the Task Force:

- Including business owners and employees as a target audience
- Next step to get budget authority
- The importance of using plain language in all materials
- Whether the use of personal stories would be effective to convey the work of the Task Force
- Articulating the Task Force's purpose and values

5. Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE) Membership update [\(01:24:00\)](#)

Committee members discussed a recent webinar and the possibility of requesting a personalized webinar on GARE membership with the GARE membership officials for a few of the Steering Committee members, or inviting a GARE membership official to attend a future Steering Committee meeting.

6. Other Business [\(01:29:30\)](#)

The Committee members agreed to not cancel the August Steering Committee meeting, but to reschedule the meeting from August 5 to August 12. Discussion at the August meeting could be a wrap up of the July IPRTF meeting discussions.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.