

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

Meeting Summary for October 18, 2021

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1. Call to Order

Task Force Co-Chairs Jack Hovenier / Stephen Gockley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held remote-only via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Barry Buchanan, Anne Deacon, Arlene Feld, Heather Flaherty, David Freeman, Stephen Gockley, Daniel Hammill, Deborah Hawley, Mike Hilley, Jack Hovenier, Seth Fleetwood, Byron Manering, Moonwater, Darlene Peterson, Dave Reynolds, Eric Richey, Tyler Schroeder, Flo Simon, Donnell Tanksley, Bruce Van Glubt, Maia Vanyo

Members Absent: Bill Elfo, Raylene King, Scott Korthuis, Eric Petersen, Greg Winter

2. [Proposed Amendment to IPRTF Rules of Procedure \(00:01:10\)](#)

Hammill moved to approve the amended rules of procedure as shown in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously of the members present at the time of the vote: Stephen Gockley, Arlene Feld, Donnell Tanksley, Jack Hovenier, Flo Simon, Darlene Peterson, Perry Mowery, Mike Hilley, Byron Manering, Dan Hammill, Heather Flaherty, Eric Richey, David Freeman, Moonwater, Dave Reynolds, Barry Buchanan, Seth Fleetwood, Deborah Hawley

3. [Next steps for data collection and INDEX Committee \(00:11:40\)](#)

Caleb Erickson, Sheriff's Office, reported on engaging Dr. Alexis Harris, existing information, information they would like to have in the future, updating the data matrix, and identifying questions they can answer with existing data.

The Task Force members discussed the hope for the kind of data they would like to have, a central high-level database that exists separate from individual agencies and jurisdictions, whether information can be pulled from the existing or new system used from the Prosecutor's Office, whether other jurisdictions have solved their data integration challenges, point-in-time data vs data tracking, integrating the Spillman system and Julota system, creating a community information exchange, Council resolution 2015-021 requesting data on the prevalence of mental illness in the jail, data that will show they are working toward the common goal of reducing incarceration successfully, results-based accountability, data that will inform the Task Force and other bodies, using data to evaluate the effectiveness of decisions they've made, and making data available for transparency. Members suggested getting data on:

- behavioral health calls
- race and ethnicity data gathered in the field
- who is in the jail and for what reason
- tracking data on the requirement for two attempts at diversion
- prevalence of mental illness in the jail
- data that will show they are whether they are reducing incarceration
- including victim data and crimes against children

4. [Resuming the County Council Public Health, Safety, and Justice Initiative \(00:06:31\)](#)

Buchanan reported on the Council resuming the stakeholder advisory committee process and 2019 resolution for planning principles. Council will continue discussion next week, and making appointments to the stakeholder advisory committee in November.

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The Task Force members discussed contracting with a private sector planning team and doing a needs assessment.

This item will be held to the November IPRTF meeting.

5. [Next steps for America Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) funding \(00:32:40\)](#)

Schroeder reported on developing more detailed recommendations; upcoming discussions between the County administration and council on ARPA funding; getting more information on a couple of the items; County Council discussion around child and family priorities, such as childcare and affordable, supportive, and transitional housing; funds allocated to the criminal justice system to work through the court backlog resulting from pandemic restrictions; funds for the alternative response team (ART); funding for expanding and retaining a childcare workforce; \$44 million dollars through 2024, and; upcoming opportunities for funding. There are already plans for funding priority item four regarding supported and transitional housing. The Task Force may provide more detailed recommendations on the top three priority items:

1. Behavioral health workforce
2. Pre-trial and reentry support
3. 24/7 mental health urgent care

Buchanan reported on the Council's allocation to spend funding on the court backlog and the Council's discussion on priorities.

The Task Force members discussed coming up with more specific proposals, a mental health urgent care center that is available to everyone, the need for a specialist to transition people from the jail, workgroups to refine the recommendations regarding the top three recommendations, other State and regional workgroups that are working on behavioral health workforce issues, expanding the Crisis Stabilization Center to serve as a 24/7 urgent care facility, and local agencies that ask for Task Force support if they can provide services that serve one of the priority areas.

6. [Committee Updates \(01:02:33\)](#)

Mowery updated the Task Force about the future plans for the Crisis Stabilization Facility Committee, as discussed in Steering Committee.

Buchanan reported for the Steering Committee and referenced the committee meeting summary.

Gockley reported on a meeting of a small group of Task Force members, Mike Parker, and Caleb Erickson, who are working on connecting with and engaging Dr. Alexes Harris.

Feld referenced the Legal and Justice Systems Committee meeting summary and reported for the Committee.

7. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

8. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

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9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.