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Subject: Re: Comments on Justice Project
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:39:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Formerly Incarcerated Community Member Survey.pdf](#)

Hello,

We just ended today's behavioral health discussion with an invitation for members to propose topics for future discussions. I would like to propose that we have a discussion on how to engage in community outreach for folks who are formerly or currently incarcerated in our community, especially folks who have been to the Whatcom County jail. My goal for this outreach would be to get meaningful input and data from them to help support us in a community needs assessment. I think it's really important for us to engage our community in this way and it would be great to have that discussion with the SAC, as well as discuss what kinds of things we would want to ask folks.

[HERE](#) is a proposed draft of a survey to use (see also attached pdf). I would love to share it as a starting point. I also have some ideas for how to conduct this kind of outreach.

Thanks,
Brel

On Tue, May 10, 2022 at 3:47 PM Cathy Halka <CHalka@co.whatcom.wa.us> wrote:

Hello, Stakeholder Advisory Committee Members,

Please see the attached email comment with response from Sheriff Elfo.

As you know, staff posts all comments on the *Comments on Justice Project* webpage here:

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3878/Comments-on-Justice-Project>

Please also note upcoming SAC meeting dates (more details available on the [SAC Meetings & Additional Information](#) page)

- May 17, 2022 – SAC Group Discussion #4 (*optional*)
- June 8, 2022 – SAC Meeting #3
- July 14, 2022 – SAC Meeting #4

Best,

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Formerly/Currently Incarcerated Community Member Survey (draft)

1. What was your experience like in the jail?

2. How did going to jail impact your life?

What were the positive impacts of being in jail, if any?

What were the negative impacts of being in jail, if any?

3. What kind of support do you need/did you need in order to make changes in your life so that you don't get charges in the future?

4. OPTIONAL: Why were you in Jail? What kind of charge was it?

5. OPTIONAL: Why did you do what you did?