

**Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force
Behavioral Health Committee**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on March 5, 2017

Health Department Creekside Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham WA

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order	
2. Potential funding sources and legislative options <i>(held from December & February meetings)</i>	1 - 2
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5. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review assigned tasks • Next meeting topics: Committee sub-report for the IPRTF Annual Report to the County Council AND City of Bellingham GRACE-like Program from Jeff Brubaker 	
6. Other Business	
7. Public Comment	
8. Adjourn The next meeting is 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. on April 2, 2018, at the Health Department Creekside Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham.	

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	Tentative future meetings: April/May (annual report) September/October (check-in)
May 14	May 14	May 8	May 17	
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	

RCW 82.14.530

Sales and use tax for housing and related services.

(1)(a) A county legislative authority may submit an authorizing proposition to the county voters at a special or general election and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The title of each ballot measure must clearly state the purposes for which the proposed sales and use tax will be used. The rate of tax under this section may not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

(b)(i) If a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or less has not imposed the full tax rate authorized under (a) of this subsection within two years of October 9, 2015, any city legislative authority located in that county may submit an authorizing proposition to the city voters at a special or general election and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, impose the whole or remainder of the sales and use tax rate in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The title of each ballot measure must clearly state the purposes for which the proposed sales and use tax will be used. The rate of tax under this section may not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

(ii) If a county with a population of greater than one million five hundred thousand has not imposed the full tax authorized under (a) of this subsection within three years of October 9, 2015, any city legislative authority located in that county may submit an authorizing proposition to the city voters at a special or general election and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, impose the whole or remainder of the sales and use tax rate in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The title of each ballot measure must clearly state the purposes for which the proposed sales and use tax will be used. The rate of tax under this section may not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

(c) If a county imposes a tax authorized under (a) of this subsection after a city located in that county has imposed the tax authorized under (b) of this subsection, the county must provide a credit against its tax for the full amount of tax imposed by a city.

(d) The taxes authorized in this subsection are in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and must be collected from persons who are taxable by the state under chapters **82.08** and **82.12** RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the county for a county's tax and within a city for a city's tax.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, a minimum of sixty percent of the moneys collected under this section must be used for the following purposes:

(i) Constructing affordable housing, which may include new units of affordable housing within an existing structure, and facilities providing housing-related services; or

(ii) Constructing mental and behavioral health-related facilities; or
(iii) Funding the operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers.

(b) The affordable housing and facilities providing housing-related programs in (a)(i) of this subsection may only be provided to persons within any of the following population groups whose income is at or below sixty percent of the median income of the county imposing the tax:

- (i) Persons with mental illness;
- (ii) Veterans;
- (iii) Senior citizens;
- (iv) Homeless, or at-risk of being homeless, families with children;
- (v) Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults;
- (vi) Persons with disabilities; or
- (vii) Domestic violence survivors.

(c) The remainder of the moneys collected under this section must be used for the operation, delivery, or evaluation of mental and behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing-related services.

(3) A county that imposes the tax under this section must consult with a city before the county may construct any of the facilities authorized under subsection (2)(a) of this section within the city limits.

(4) A county that has not imposed the tax authorized under RCW 82.14.460 prior to October 9, 2015, but imposes the tax authorized under this section after a city in that county has imposed the tax authorized under RCW 82.14.460 prior to October 9, 2015, must enter into an interlocal agreement with that city to determine how the services and provisions described in subsection (2) of this section will be allocated and funded in the city.

(5) To carry out the purposes of subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section, the legislative authority of the county or city imposing the tax has the authority to issue general obligation or revenue bonds within the limitations now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of this state, and may use, and is authorized to pledge, up to fifty percent of the moneys collected under this section for repayment of such bonds, in order to finance the provision or construction of affordable housing, facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or evaluation and treatment centers described in subsection (2)(a)(iii) of this section.

(6)(a) Moneys collected under this section may be used to offset reductions in state or federal funds for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) No more than ten percent of the moneys collected under this section may be used to supplant existing local funds.

[2015 3rd sp.s. c 24 § 701.]

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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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GROUND-LEVEL RESPONSE AND COORDINATED ENGAGEMENT

