

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Crisis Recovery Facility Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for May 16, 2018***

1. Call To Order

Committee Member Anne Deacon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Fifth Floor Conference Room 513, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

Members Present: Anne Deacon, Jack Hovenier (via teleconference)/Chris Phillips, Jeff Parks, Todd Donovan

Members Absent: Tyler Schroeder and Michael McAuley

Election of Committee Chair

Parks moved to appoint Anne Deacon as committee chair. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Update on operator/provider Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/Q)

Deacon reported on the two submittals for the mental health provider (Compass Health and Lifeline Connections), two submittals for substance use disorder provider (Pioneer Human Services and Lifeline Connections), and one submittal for food services (Lifeline Connections):

- After evaluating the qualifications and reviewing the proposed budgets, they have chosen Compass Health and Pioneer Human Services for the mental health and SUD providers.
- The proposed budget for food services from Lifeline Connections seemed inadequate.
- Both Pioneer and Compass agreed to do food services if necessary.

Committee members discussed:

- The possibility of combining food service contracts with the jail in the future
- The difference between 3.2 and 3.7 ASM
- Particular issues of note that include cleanliness, increased medical administering, and including laundry, medical, and shower facilities at entry
- Anticipated outcomes
- Required standards
- Plans for discharge and transfer of care
- Medical clearances
- Optimizing drop-off with law enforcement
- Improving Compass Health intake procedures and collaboration with law enforcement and making them accountable
- How the mental health side will coordinate with the SUD side
- How to manage disruptive or potentially dangerous individuals
- Oversight
- Collecting data

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Tenant contract requirements should include:

- Language and data on how people are entering and existing the facility
- Discharge status
- Transfers from one side of the facility to the other side
- The list of data metrics the committee discussed in 2018
- Involuntary to voluntary status
- Information on people who are turned away

3. Update on construction and operational funding

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4. Update on construction bid award and ground breaking

Deacon stated the Facilities Division is working on final plans with the prospective tenants. They will submit permits to Bellingham in late May. Construction bids will go out after that. The bid process has slowed due to the Healthcare Authority (HCA) requiring reimbursement of expenses from the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization. An independent audit by the State Auditor's Office of the Healthcare Authority will be done to determine whether that reimbursement is really required. The State budget includes \$500,000 per year for the next two years. The Healthcare Authority must work with the service providers and behavioral health organizations to look at funding gaps.

The Committee members discussed:

- The County Executive's reasons for delaying the construction bid process and the associated long-term costs of delaying
- House Bill (HB) 1406 sales tax rebate
- 1/10th of 1 percent sales tax through HB 2263, which requires a vote of the people
- Determining whether there are funding opportunities from those who would incur costs from non-Medicaid patients if the crisis stabilization facility doesn't open, such as the hospital
- How much rent to charge the providers

2. Discussion on content of the Crisis Stabilization Facility Committee submission to Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force 2019 annual plan

Mark Gardner, Bellingham Legislative Analyst, reported on the annual report and stated he is collecting information for the report.

The committee members discussed the expectation of maximizing drop offs and coordination with law enforcement; operational challenges regarding the uncertainty of state dollars; managed care organizations will derive a financial benefit and should therefore be a major source of funding; and the financial benefit to other agencies from a new crisis stabilization facility.

Deacon stated she will coordinate with Mr. Gardner on content.

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6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Public Comment

Unidentified speaker spoke about the need for local services and taxing for services.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.