

**Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force**  
**DRAFT Meeting Summary, November 02, 2015**  
 Whatcom County Courthouse, Rooms 513/514  
 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham WA

**Attendance**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Anderson, Angela	Whatcom County Public Defender
Bernstein, Jill, Co-Chair	Citizen Representative
Brubaker, Jeff	Bellingham Fire Department
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Elfo, Bill	Whatcom County Sheriff
Gockley, Stephen	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Hammill, Daniel	Bellingham City Council
Heydrich, Alfred	Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner
Hovenier, Jack, Co-Chair	Consumer Representative
Knapp, Michael	Small Cities Caucus, Ferndale PD
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Linville, Kelli	City of Bellingham, Mayor
Manering, Byron	Brigid Collins
Mann, Ken	Whatcom County Council Member
Maute-Gibson, Iris (proxy for Moonwater)	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
McEachran, Dave	Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney
Morgan, Irene	Restorative Justice Coalition
Peterson, Darlene	Bellingham Municipal Court
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive Office
Winter, Greg (proxy for Dave Finet)	Opportunity Council
<b>Apologies</b>	
Phillips, Chris	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	
Cooke, Mark	ACLU
Deputy Chief Simon	Bellingham Police Department
<b>Staff</b>	
Smith, Veronica	

**Meeting Summary**

**1. Call to Order**

Jill Bernstein called the meeting to order and Task Force members and guests introduced themselves.

**Information:** Jack Hovenier noted that the Task Force had received a Request for Investigation from the Restorative Justice Coalition, related to a recent mailing. Jack noted that this Request is outside the scope of the Task Force.

**2. Introduction of Task Force Facilitator**

Jack Hovenier introduced Veronica Smith of WAHA to the Task Force.

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**3. Schedule of Future Meeting Dates**

It was noted that some Task Force members have scheduling conflicts. They will do their best to make the current date/time work; and will send proxies when necessary.

**4. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Gather, Assess, Integrate, Network, and Stimulate (GAINS) Center Application for Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Workshop**

Jack Hovenier informed the group that we have an opportunity for on-site training in Sequential Intercept Mapping through the SAMHSA GAINS Center. The training focuses on Intercepts One and Two, and would occur after the first of the year if our application is accepted.

**Action Item: WAHA** will complete the application for submission to SAMHSA.

Anne Deacon noted that the Task Force should pursue beginning Sequential Intercept Mapping of programs in Whatcom County because of timing issues.

**5. Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

Jill Bernstein facilitated a conversation about the division of work for Phase One and circulated sign-up sheets for ad hoc committees.

**Action Item:** sign-up sheets were circulated

**6. Presentation by Mark Cooke, Policy Director, Washington Campaign for Smart Justice, ACLU of Washington, and Deputy Chief Simon with the Bellingham Police Department**

Mark Cooke presented a slide deck with information about pre-booking and pre-charging alternatives in other regions.

Stephen Gockley noted the need for clear identification of the target population.

Jill Bernstein noted the need for a needs assessment.

Irene Morgan and several other Task Force members identified that there is a lack of effective transitions from jail to the general population.

The Lead program in Seattle was discussed as a possible model; Kelli Linville indicated that she would like to hear from the people doing the work in King County.

RCW 10.31.110 and its guidelines for diversion to a crisis stabilization unit were briefly discussed. Anne Deacon noted that the RCW in combination with the WACs that support it

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may be restrictive. Dave McEachran expressed a concern regarding potential civil liability in some pre-booking diversion situations.

Angela Anderson noted that there are specific areas where we need to come up with creative solutions, and that should be a first focus of the ad hoc committee tasked with that work.

Deputy Chief Simon shared information about Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and the local Crisis Intervention team.

Jeff Brubaker and Anne Deacon briefly discussed the local Crisis Intervention Team, which is funded through the North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA).

Kelli Linville suggested that we should consider the allocation of an FTE to focus on grant writing at some point in the future, and we may want to consider making that a recommendation to the County.

Iris Maute-Gibson and Stephen Gockley both inquired as to best practices for restorative justice and effective solutions in juvenile justice.

**7. Other Business**

None

**8. Public Comment**

Sheri Lambert – spoke about the University of Washington’s expansion of their mental health training program.

Joy Gilfilen – as the President of the Restorative Community Coalition, she offered to present on their work to the Task Force at a future meeting.

Amy Mann

Everett Barton

Deborah David

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55am

**Next Meeting** is November 16, 2015 from 9 – 11am at the Whatcom County Courthouse, Rooms 513/514.