

# Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

Meeting Summary, December 14, 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
Gribbin, Susan	Consumer
Hammill, Daniel	Bellingham City Council
Heydrich, Alfred	Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner
Hovenier, Jack, Co-Chair	Consumer Representative
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Linville, Kelli	City of Bellingham, Mayor
Manering, Byron	Brigid Collins
Mann, Ken	Whatcom County Council Member
McEachran, David	Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney
Moonwater	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
Morgan, Irene	Restorative Community Coalition
Peterson, Darlene	Bellingham Municipal Court
Phillips, Chris	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Winter, Greg	Opportunity Council
<b>Alternates Present</b>	
Garrett, Deborra (alternate)	Whatcom County Superior Court Judge
<b>Staff</b>	
Moore, Elya	
Smith, Veronica	

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Call to Order

Jack Hovenier called the meeting to order.

Reminder: Second jail/crisis triage tour is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting at 11am in the jail foyer.

### 2. Healthcare Reform & North Sound Mental Health Administration

Betsy Kruse informed the group of upcoming changes in the funding of behavioral health services in the region, and provided some information related to the closing of Pioneer Center North in 2018.

WAHA will create a grid with current facility information for the Task Force and distribute it electronically.

### 3. Whatcom County & Regional Needs Assessment/Funding Sources

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Anne Deacon reviewed current Whatcom County Health Department efforts to prepare for the changes that Betsy Kruse referred to in her presentation.

## 4. Meeting Procedure Revisions

Jack reviewed the changes to the agreed upon Meeting Procedures.

**Action:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes as presented, the motion passed unanimously; none opposed.

## 5. Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Chris Phillips provided the Task Force with an update on the Triage Facility Ad Hoc Committee's work to-date and their approved Statement of Work.

Commissioner Heydrich gave the Task Force an update on the Legal Systems Ad Hoc Committee's work to-date and circulated a print-screen of a brainstorming session.

Anne Deacon reported that the Behavioral Health Programs and Services Ad Hoc Committee has approved its Statement of Work, and is developing a map of current services using the Sequential Intercept Model.

Jack informed the group that he and Jill do not believe that the Statements of Work need to be approved by the Task Force as a whole.

## 6. Public Comment

Linda Santini thanked the Task Force for looking at alternatives to incarceration

Joy Gilfilen presented an article regarding restorative action

Ray Baribeau spoke regarding behavioral health options to 911

Everett Barton had feedback regarding Ad Hoc Committee responsibilities

Carl Weimar thanked the Task Force for their great work

## 7. Next Steps

Task Force Meeting Schedule is as follows:

January 11, 2016, 9-11am, Whatcom County Courthouse, Rooms 513/514

- LEAD Program, Undersheriff Pugel from Seattle Police Department

February 01, 2016, 9-11am, Whatcom County Courthouse, Rooms 513/514

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am