

# Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

Meeting Summary, February 01, 2016

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
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Elfo, Bill	Whatcom County Sheriff
Finkbonner, Julie	Lummi Nation
Foster, Vince (proxy for Chris Phillips)	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Gockley, Stephen	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Gribbin, Susan	Consumer
Heinrich, Brian (proxy for Kelli Linville)	City of Bellingham
Heydrich, Alfred	Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner
Hovenier, Jack, Co-Chair	Consumer Representative
Huffman, Matt	Ferndale PD
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Lilliquist, Michael (proxy for Daniel Hammill)	City of Bellingham, City Council
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
Polidan, Randy	Unity Care NW
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive's Office
Winter, Greg	Opportunity Council
<b>Alternates Present</b>	
Garrett, Deborra (alternate)	Whatcom County Superior Court Judge
Lewis, Nickolaus	Lummi Nation
Parks, Jeff	Whatcom County Sheriff
Ruffatto, Peter	City of Bellingham
Walker, Kathy	Whatcom County Prosecutor's Office
<b>Absent</b>	
Brubaker, Jeff	Bellingham Fire Department
<b>Staff</b>	
Wight, Dean - Lead	
Smith, Veronica	

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Call to Order

Jack Hovenier called the meeting to order and introduced Randy Polidan with Unity Care NW (FQHC representative).

Jill Bernstein reminded the group to identify who was speaking for the record. She also informed the group that meeting time will be used differently going forwards, with the majority of the work being done in the Ad Hoc Committees.

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Brian Heinrich shared the joint letter from Mayor Linville and County Executive Jack Louws with the Task Force.

Jill Bernstein shared the draft letter that she and Jack prepared for the Task Force members to sign.

A motion was made by Sheriff Elfo to amend the Task Force letter to include a more specific “ask” (as stated by Anne Deacon), the motion was seconded by Greg Winter. The motion passed unanimously, none opposed, none abstaining.

Recent Francis Place tour was lauded. Additional tour dates will be scheduled at the next meeting.

## 2. Review DRAFT Phase One Report

The Task Force made detailed, page-by-page edits to the Phase One Report.

Alfred Heydrich indicated that the Justice section needs further editing and a smaller work group (from the Justice Ad Hoc Committee) will gather to focus on this.

## 3. Task Force Decision re. Phase One Report

Ken Mann stated that he has moved the Phase One Report due date to February 23, 2016.

A motion was made by Angela Anderson and seconded by Susan Gribbin that the Phase One Report be completed and distributed to the Task Force by February 12<sup>th</sup>, with a vote (yes or no) to the Co-Chairs and the Facilitator electronically by February 16<sup>th</sup> at noon, for delivery to the Council Clerk on the same day. The motion passed unanimously, no abstentions.

## 4. Recommended Next Steps - deferred

### 5. Decision for Next Steps for Task Force – deferred

Justice Ad Hoc Meeting: February 8, 2016 9 -11am, 2014 C Street, Bellingham WA, Fireplace Room

Next Task Force Meeting: March 7, 2016 9 – 11am, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham WA Rooms 513/514

## 6. Public Comment

Everett Barton

## 7. Meeting Adjourned at 11:30am