

# Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

Meeting Summary, February 16, 2016

Whatcom County Courthouse, Rooms 513/514

311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham WA

## Attendance

<b>Present</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Bernstein, Jill, Co-Chair	Citizen Representative
Brubaker, Jeff	Emergency Medical Services
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Durborow, Mary Jo (proxy for Susan Gribbin)	Consumer
Elfo, Bill	Whatcom County Sheriff
Gockley, Stephen	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Grier, Sharon (proxy for Julie Finkbonner)	Lummi Nation
Hammill, Daniel	City of Bellingham, City Council
Heydrich, Alfred	Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner
Hovenier, Jack, Co-Chair	Consumer Representative
Knapp, Michael	Ferndale PD
Komorowski, Jon (proxy for Angela Anderson)	Whatcom County Public Defender
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
Polidan, Randy	Unity Care NW
Ruffatto, Peter (proxy for Darlene Peterson)	City of Bellingham
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive's Office
Winter, Greg	Opportunity Council
<b>Alternates Present</b>	
<b>Absent</b>	
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Phillips, Chris	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
<b>Staff</b>	
Wight, Dean - Lead	
Smith, Veronica	

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Call to Order

Jack Hovenier called the meeting to order. He recognized the proxies present. He informed the Task Force that Betsy Kruse submitted her decision re. the Phase One Report via e-mail communication. and noted that the Chairs would like to accept her vote in writing.

### 2. Decision Regarding DRAFT Phase One Report

.A motion was made by Randy Polidan and seconded by Jeff Brubaker to accept the Phase One Report as submitted.

Discussion ensued.

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A motion to amend was made by Dave McEachran and seconded by another Task Force member to submit an addendum to the Phase One Report that included the graphs that reflect the successes in juvenile justice and the Fastrack program. The motion to amend passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Irene Morgan wanted the following noted for the record:

- She believes there is a gap in business sector representation on the Task Force.
- She stated that there is a bureaucratic bias in the Task Force.
- she is concerned that the facilitating organization, WAHA, has a conflict of interest as it receives funds from the County for other activities.
- She noted that the WAHA website for the Task Force is missing important information.
- She also expressed concern that the upcoming needs assessment will be missing things that could be done in the prevention aspect.
- She approves the Phase One Report, with reservations.

Mayor Linville stated that she would like to include recent activities on the part of the City of Bellingham into the report if possible. She believes that this would allow us to build on future work.

Jill Bernstein suggested, in response to Mayor Linville's comments, that:

- Mayor Linville send a letter to the County Council to accompany the report
- That a section be added to the website of 'new things happening'

Jill reminded the Task Force that Update Report will be given by the Task Force to the County Council in June and November.

The motion as earlier stated by Randy Polidan and seconded by Jeff Brubaker to approve the Phase One Report was approved unanimously, no abstentions.

### 3. Public Comment

Joy Gilfilen commented that the Phase One Report is bureaucratically focused.

### 4. Adjourned at 9:20am.