

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

Triage Facility Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Summary, December 10, 2015

Whatcom County Health Department Conference Room

509 Girard Street, Bellingham WA

9:00 – 10:30am

Attendance

Present	Representing
Bernstein, Jill	Citizen Representative
Brady, Shane (proxy for Mayor Linville)	Bellingham City Attorney
Brubaker, Jeff	Bellingham Fire Department
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Hovenier, Jack	Consumer Representative
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Mann, Ken	Whatcom County Council Member
Morgan, Irene	Restorative Community Coalition
Parks, Jeff	Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
Phillips, Chris, Ad Hoc Chair	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Walker, Kathy (proxy for Dave McEachran)	Whatcom County Prosecutors Office
Wight, Dean (proxy for Stephen Gockley)	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Absent	
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive Office
Staff	
Fehrenbacher, Alisha	WAHA
Mitchell, Jackie	Whatcom County Health Department
Smith, Veronica	WAHA

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order

Chris Phillips called the meeting to order

2. Statement of Work

Revised by the Ad Hoc Committee and approved as revised

3. Discussion re: Behavioral Health – Releases from Jail and Whatcom County Prosecutor's Position Paper

- We have the greatest opportunity to successfully divert pre-incarceration
- Mr. McEachran is willing to call and facilitate a meeting of all the City attorneys to discuss the creation of a program pursuant to RCW 10.31 that allows misdemeanor offenders to be diverted from the traditional trial track to treatment.
- We are looking at both voluntary and involuntary commitment options for a crisis triage facility in Whatcom County.

4. Review Existing Utilization Data

- Dean Wight will work with Veronica to clarify the current utilization data points under review

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5. Next Steps

- Dean Wight to meet with WAHA to identify key variables for the Ad Hoc Committee
- Co-Chairs will invite city attorneys to January 11, 2016 Task Force meeting to learn about the Lead program
- Co-Chairs will request presentation to the full Task Force regarding the booking database system at the Whatcom County Jail

6. Meeting Schedule

December 17, 2015, 9 – 10:30am, Whatcom County Health Department Conference Room

January 07, 2016, 9 – 10:30am, Whatcom County Health Department Conference Room

January 14, 2016, 9 – 10:30am, Whatcom County Health Department Conference Room