

# Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

Triage Facility Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Summary, December 17, 2015

Whatcom County Health Department Conference Room

509 Girard Street, Bellingham WA

9:00 – 10:30am

## Attendance

Present	Representing
Bernstein, Jill	Citizen Representative
Brubaker, Jeff	Bellingham Fire Department
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Hovenier, Jack	Consumer Representative
Mann, Ken	Whatcom County Council Member
Morgan, Irene	Restorative Community Coalition
Parks, Jeff (proxy for Sheriff Elfo)	Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
Phillips, Chris, Ad Hoc Chair	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive Office
Walker, Kathy (proxy for Dave McEachran)	Whatcom County Prosecutors Office
Whitcutt, Sandy (proxy for Betsy Kruse)	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Wight, Dean (proxy for Stephen Gockley)	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
<b>Staff</b>	
Mowery, Perry	Whatcom County Health Department
Smith, Veronica	WAHA

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Call to Order

Chris Phillips called the meeting to order

### 2. Prevalence Data

Discussed data in the meeting packet; Whatcom County Health Department and NSMHA have agreed to provide Whatcom-specific data to WAHA staff, and an 'ask' will be sent to PeaceHealth regarding emergency department visits for substance use disorder, mental health or co-occurring disorders.

### 3. Review Existing Utilization Data

Dean Wight will work with Veronica to clarify the current utilization data points under review and identify gaps in available data.

Ken Mann asked the Ad Hoc Committee members for their current views on the number of beds needed; consensus among committee members was two 16-bed facilities, located in close proximity. Physical location of the facility briefly discussed. Site selection criteria will be a future agenda item for the Committee.

### 4. Next Steps

Dean and Veronica to compile information to put before the Ad Hoc committee at its next meeting

### 5. Meeting Schedule

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

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