

## ***Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force***

February 27, 2017

Whatcom County Courthouse Fifth Floor Conference Rooms 513/514, 311 Grand Ave., Bellingham WA  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

| <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Requested Action</b> | <b>Presenter</b>  | <b>Packet Page(s)</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <b>1. Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of Lynden Deputy Chief John Billester</li> <li>• Review and approve January 23, 2017 Meeting Summary</li> </ul>     | Review                  | N/A   | 1 - 4                 |
| <b>2. Comments, feedback, and discussion of VERA consultant presentation to Task Force on January 23</b>  | Discussion              | N/A   | 5 - 26                |
| <b>3. Committee Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Health Committee</li> <li>• Legal &amp; Justice Systems Committee</li> <li>• Triage Facility Committee</li> </ul> | Information             | Anne Deacon<br>Stephen Gockley<br>Chris Phillips              | 27 - 30<br>31<br>32   |
| <b>4. Progress on Phase 3 Report</b>  | Discussion              | N/A   | 33                    |
| <b>5. Update by Jurisdictions on Jail Diversion Programs</b>  | Information             | Bill Elfo<br>Nick Lewis<br>John Billester<br>Darlene Peterson | N/A                   |
| <b>6. Update on the Jail Stakeholder Workgroup</b>  | Information             | Jack Hovenier<br>Jill Bernstein                               | N/A                   |
| <b>7. Update on the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) regional request to the legislature</b>  | Information             | Betsy Kruse   | 34 - 38               |
| <b>8. Barriers to increasing the work release work crew programs (<i>tentative</i>)</b>   | Information             | Kelli Linville  | N/A                   |
| <b>9. Discussion of whether the Task Force can function as the Law and Justice Council</b>  | Discussion              | N/A   | 39 - 40               |
| <b>10. Next Steps: Ideas &amp; Further Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review assigned tasks</li> <li>• Next meeting topics</li> </ul>                                   |                         |   |                       |
| <b>11. Other Business</b>   |                         |   |                       |
| <b>12. Public Comment</b>   |                         |   |                       |
| <b>13. Adjourn</b><br>The next meeting is scheduled 9:00-11:00 a.m. on March 27, 2017 in the County Courthouse 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Rooms, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.              |                         |   |                       |

See list of upcoming meetings, next page.

Upcoming meetings:

- **Legal and Justice Systems Committee:** February 28, 11:30 - 1:30, Courthouse Fifth Floor Conference Room 514, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham and March 13, 9:15 - 11:15, Location TBD
- **Behavioral Health Committee:** March 16 at Lummi Nation Administration Building (Time TBD, location is tentative)
- **Triage Facility Committee:** March 23, 8:00 a.m., Health Department Administrative Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham
- **Steering Committee:** March 23, 1:00 p.m. at the County Council Conference Room, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham
- **Task Force,** March 27, 9-11 a.m. at the Courthouse Fifth Floor Conference Room, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham