

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Meeting Summary April 2, 2018***

1. Call to Order

Task Force Co-Chair Jill Bernstein called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Jill Bernstein, Anne Deacon, Jerry DeBruin, Todd Donovan, Bill Elfo, Deborra Garrett, Stephen Gockley, Kate Hansen, Jack Hovenier, Deborah Hawley, Betsy Kruse, Kelli Linville, Byron Manering, Dave McEachran, Lisa McShane, Moonwater, Chris Phillips

Also Present: Caryl Dunavan (proxy for Raylene King), Kathy Walker (proxy for Dave McEachran)

Absent: Angela Anderson, Daniel Hammill, Raylene King, Nick Lewis, Darlene Peterson, Tyler Schroeder, Greg Winter

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There were no changes.

2. Presentation from Christopher Poulos, Executive Director, Washington Statewide Reentry Council

Bernstein introduced Christopher Poulos.

Christopher Poulos, Executive Director of Washington Statewide Reentry Council, described his background with addiction, incarceration, and recovery and his work through law school and at the White House on recovery and reentry issues. He described his vision for reentry, which includes both internal and external changes. Poulos referenced his handouts (on file) and described various reentry programs, including individualized comprehensive reentry planning. He answered questions from the Task Force members and audience members regarding:

- Inducements to treatment, which include peer mentoring
- The need to restore funding for supervision upon release
- The lack of community resources
- Cultural shifts in engaging with people
- The Department of Corrections' lack of treatment for short-time offenders
- Making the public and policy-makers aware that reentry is cost-effective
- Reentry work done by the Department of Corrections could be done by the County, depending on how long folks are in custody, by beginning reentry services while still incarcerated
- The status of several bills that were before the State Legislature, including a program to issue identification other than the inmate identification
- The current reentry program in the County Jail
- The closure of Rainbow Recovery
- Peer counselor training programs
- Efforts of Restorative Community Coalition to provide a Restore-A-Life Center and Wellness & Recovery Center
- Examples of other programs

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3. Miscellaneous Brief Agenda Items

Finalize committee assignments

The Task Force members discussed the status of the proposed Information and Data Needs Exchange (INDEX) Committee.

The Task Force members made the following changes:

- Specify Doug Chadwick for Bill Elfo on the Behavioral Health Committee
- Add Kelli Linville to the Behavioral Health Committee
- Add a to-be-determined representative of Mayor Linville to the Triage Facility Committee
- Remove Caryl Dunavan from the Behavioral Health Committee
- Add Peter Ruffatto to the Legal and Justice Systems Committee

Phillips moved to approve the list of committee members as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. *(Clerk's Note: Committee member McEachran left the meeting and Kathy Walker served as his proxy for the remainder of the meeting, including this vote.)*

Task Force members discussed how to identify the funding spent on keeping people out of jail and working on reentry issues through the Task Force's Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee.

Report on County Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Listening Tour

Barry Buchanan reported on the upcoming Listening Tour and plans to gather information from the public on criminal justice issue, specifically focusing on the jail.

Update on collaboration of law enforcement and St. Joseph Hospital (From August meeting)

Phillips updated the Task Force on process changes resulting from collaboration among hospital staff and community law enforcement representatives:

- To reduce calls from hospital staff to law enforcement, hospital staff will follow a new procedure to consult with their supervisor first, engage hospital security staff, and receive training to identify when it's appropriate to call law enforcement.
- Law enforcement officers don't have to stay at the hospital when they bring someone in for evaluation and treatment. The hospital staff will notify law enforcement when they are releasing someone who was brought in.
- Law enforcement officers are no longer required to check their weapons when entering the psychiatric unit.
- Any case in which a law enforcement officer must wait will be fast-tracked through the process.

4. Committee Updates

Donovan reported for the Steering Committee and submitted a handout (on file) explaining the annual report timeline, the status of the INDEX Committee and data collection efforts, and the Steering Committee's approval of funding to bring Dr. Jacqueline van Wormer to the Pretrial Processes Workgroup for consultation services.

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Deacon spoke on the potential construction completion date of the new triage facility in mid-2019.

Phillips reported for the Triage Facility Committee and updated the Task Force on the committee's recent work on its work plan and the triage facility. The committee will work next on operating funds and the shift of behavioral health funding to private insurance companies:

- A request for proposals from insurance companies is due to the state next week
- Now is the time to make sure companies know that triage facilities will save them money over emergency hospital stays

Gockley reported for the Legal and Justice Systems Committee:

- The Committee's working on its work plan and data needs
- The work of the Pretrial Processes Workgroup

Garrett reported for the Pretrial Processes Workgroup and the upcoming presentation and consultation from Dr. Jacqueline van Wormer on April 19. Task Force members are invited as observers. Dr. van Worker will guide the group on how to move forward with selecting a pretrial risk assessment tool and creating a pretrial monitoring unit.

Deacon reported for the Behavioral Health Committee:

- The Committee's working on its work plan and data needs
- They Committee recently discussed the Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program. There is currently a request for qualifications for a hub agency.

The Task Force members discussed the possibility of using one pretrial risk assessment tool across all jurisdictions in the county.

5. Next Steps: Ideas and Further Information

This item was not discussed.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Public Comment

Joy Gilfilen spoke about the proliferation of bureaucracy on the Task Force and how the only real representative of inmates is Deborah Hawley. They need to listen to the inmates

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.