

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force***  
***Behavioral Health Subcommittee***  
**Meeting Summary for June 11, 2018**

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**1. Call To Order**

Committee Chair Anne Deacon called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. at the Health Department Creekside Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham.

Members Present: Doug Chadwick, Anne Deacon, Dan Hammill, Byron Manering, Greg Winter

Members Absent: Kelli Linville

**2. Complete recommendation to proposed INDEX Committee on idea data needs**

The committee members agreed to stay with the current list of items as presented in the meeting packet.

**3. Review of Committee Work Plan**

The committee discussed focusing on the front- and back-door services to recovery.

- Determine the type of training that is most important for first responders to have
- Enhanced communication with first responders about the new crisis recovery facility
- Inform the public on who will best use the new crisis recovery facility
- Educate law enforcement on who the people are who should be brought to the crisis recovery facility
- Historically, law enforcement had to take people to St. Joseph Hospital because they posed a risk to the triage facility staff
- The crisis recovery facility will have to define the profile of people who qualify for using the facility
- Help law enforcement identify and use the services and appropriate places to take people
- Figure out how they are going to manage both voluntary and involuntary users of the crisis recovery facility
- Whether mandatory booking of driving under the influence (DUI) is a County policy that should continue in all cases
- The Homeless Strategies Work Group won't meet until the fall. Remove it from the work plan.
- The possibility of exploring suboxone programs in the context of jail policies
- Continuing or initiating medication assisted treatment in the jail
- Collecting data from the emergency department on overdoses
- Accounting in the data for people who self-treat overdoses with naloxone
- The possibility of funding from engrossed substitute house bill (ESHB) 2263
- Housing for specialty court participants
- Are fathers who may not have custody are eligible for family services, including housing

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- If ESHB 2263 were passed, this committee could be to bring in housing data from Opportunity Council, and compare with court data, to make a recommendation to create housing for specialty court participants
- Reviewing statistics on drug use trends
- A housing intervention study of a pilot project of the City of Bellingham to track how often people offended before and after being placed in housing
- Continuing review of the ground level response and coordinated engagement (GRACE) program
- Stabilizing the housing for families of those who are incarcerated
- Gathering data on drug use trends

**4. Updates on GRACE, CPIT, and Whatcom has Hope programs**

This item was not discussed.

**5. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information**

This item was not discussed.

**6. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.