

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Crisis Recovery Facility Subcommittee
Meeting Summary Discussion Notes for October 18, 2018***

1. Call To Order

This meeting did not have a quorum of members.

Members Present: Jack Hovenier, Chris Phillips, Perry Mowery

Also Present: Jill Bernstein, Anne Deacon, Stephen Gockley

Members Absent: Jerry DeBruin, Todd Donovan, Tyler Schroeder, Jeff Parks, Sandy Whitcut/Michael McAuley

Review September 20, 2018 Meeting Summary

This item was not discussed

2. Presentation from Crisis Stabilization Facility architect Ron Wright on current schematic designs, project timelines, and construction design.

Deacon submitted handouts (on file) and introduced architect Ron Wright.

Ron Wright, Ron Wright & Associates, described his experiences with designing similar triage facilities statewide, and his design for Whatcom County's new crisis stabilization facility, which includes the certain features:

- Units will adjust to different levels of licensure
- A prototype plan that can be used for either voluntary or involuntary certification
- Harm reduction features
- Central point of operation to maximize sight lines
- Anti-ligature hardware
- Balance of maintenance and safety with a homelike, not institutional, atmosphere
- Durability and longer lifecycle
- Additional drainage and detention pond for water quality
- Individual rooms, which provide the most flexibility for changing population
- Commercial kitchen, which may serve other nearby treatment facilities

Staff and committee members discussed line-of-sight requirements, building code requirements, getting input from providers, LEED silver certification, permitting processes, groundbreaking and construction timeline, the number of offices, space for family visitation, and bathroom/laundry designs.

3. Review and discussion of draft guidelines for Crisis Stabilization Facility operator/provider request for proposals/qualifications (RFP/Q)

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Deacon reported on the building lease process for the provider and stated the bid process will occur in the next few months.

Staff and committee members discussed the overarching culture of the facility focusing on fidelity to the model of recovery, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recommendations against using any type of seclusion and restraint, requiring a root cause analysis (RCA) any time seclusion and restraint are used, and the possibility of video monitoring throughout the facility.

4. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

The committee members discussed the 2019 regular meeting schedule and agreed with regular meetings held every other month, beginning in January. Chair Phillips cancelled the November and December 2018 regular meetings.

5. Other Business

Bernstein suggested that the committee have a discussion at a future meeting about using the current triage facility space for a sobering center.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.