

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Legal & Justice Systems Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for November 13, 2018

1. Call To Order

(Note: Discussion of agenda items began at 11:35 a.m. A quorum of members was not present until 11:45 a.m.)

Members Present: Angela Anderson, Deborra Garrett, Stephen Gockley, Raylene King, Moonwater, Darlene Peterson

Also Present: Kristin Hanna (proxy for Deborah Hawley)

Members Absent: Jill Bernstein, Bill Elfo, Deborah Hawley, Dave McEachran, Peter Ruffatto

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There were no changes.

3. Other Business

Gockley reported on the Pretrial Processes Work Group, including funding for 2019-2020.

The committee members discussed text message reminders for Superior Court defendants and the pretrial risk assessment tool.

Gockley reported on recent State reports on criminal justice issues, including domestic violence.

The meeting came to order at 11:45 a.m. in the Whatcom County Courthouse Conference Room 514, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham when quorum of members was present.

Gockley reported on the Steering Committee discussion about reorganizing the Task Force into the Law and Justice Council and potential future presentations before the Committee.

2. Review work plan and prioritize next steps

Gockley submitted and read from a handout (*on file*) on the pending and potential areas of study for 2019.

The Committee discussed:

- The shift from phone call reminders to text reminders
- Regular warrant quash processes that are available now
- The lack of methadone medicine assisted treatment (MAT) at the Yakima jail
- The Impact of Superior Court delays in case processing on municipal court charges
- The process of identifying race and ethnicity and potential bias in the system, and the need for improved data
- Case processing and national average and efficiency

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- Engaging staff that work in the juvenile criminal justice system to discuss juvenile justice and detention
- Getting an update from the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) after their new offender treatment program gets up and running

Gockley will formally invite Mr. Richey to in December or January to discuss his priorities and goals and will also contact people involved in the Juvenile justice system.

Anderson and Garrett will have a beginning conversation about case processing.

The Committee may schedule a presentation from the Restorative Community Coalition in January to research on chronic post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

4. Public Comment

Mark Gardner spoke about the Adverse Childhood Experiences Score (ACES) and expanding the Ground level response and coordinated engagement (GRACE) program, internal versus external processes in the criminal justice system, and how each work plan item relates to the others.

Heather Flaherty spoke on the ACLU concerns with pretrial risk assessment tool, juvenile justice and social discipline, and the experience of being in jail.

Irene Morgan spoke about the potential to make the system kinder to people in the criminal justice system.

Joy Gilfilen spoke on a Restorative Community Coalition presentation, jail trauma, and implicit bias against offenders in the system.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.