

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Crisis Recovery Facility Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for March 21, 2019***

1. Call To Order

There was no quorum.

Members Present: Chris Phillips, Perry Mowery

Members Absent: Jerry DeBruin, Barry Buchanan, Jack Hovenier, Tyler Schroeder, Jeff Parks

Also Present: Anne Deacon

2. Discussion of content for the Crisis Recovery Facility Committee report to the Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force 2019 annual plan

Mark Gardner submitted the annual plan timeline and an updated section of the 2018 annual plan. Attendees discussed sections and content of the draft 2019 plan and the schedule for completing the plan by June.

Deacon stated she and Chris Phillips will write the draft committee report. They will include a simplified floor plan and exterior view.

3. Construction bid award and ground breaking

Rob Ney and Rusty Noble, Whatcom County Administrative Services Department, Facilities Division, reported and answered questions on project permits and plan review, bid award and contractor timelines, anticipated groundbreaking, engineered aspects and longevity of the building,

4. Update on the status of the Crisis Stabilization Center operator/provide Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/Q) submittals

Deacon submitted and read through the request for proposals/qualifications (RFP/Q) and answered questions. Attendees discussed the rental agreement for the facility, in-kind subsidies, how operations are structured in other counties, and data collection from the operator.

5. Discuss possibility of creating an operational workgroup

Attendees discussed:

- Include the service providers, when providers are chosen in mid-May.
- Include first responders and payers.
- Consider what will incentivize the payer for continuing to purchase the service.
- They need to focus on systematic changes.
- Ensure the providers have reserves enough to cover costs if necessary.
- The Task Force's role moving forward is to provide input when there is an intersection with the criminal justice system.

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- The community should have a crisis stabilization advisory committee that encompasses all issues, not just the criminal justice issues. A representative from the Task Force could sit on that advisory committee.
- The Task Force should identify the data points that must be collected to track whether or not the facility becomes solely a step-down facility for the emergency department. Foster the relationships among the providers, law enforcement, and Prosecutor.

6. Update on operational funding

Deacon submitted a handout, reported, and answered questions on getting State legislators to understand the potential funding gaps and whether the County's new facility project will proceed.

7. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

This item was not discussed.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

No meeting was called to order due to lack of a quorum. Attendee discussion ended at 11:00 a.m.