

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Behavioral Health Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for March 4, 2019

1. Call To Order

There was no quorum.

Members Present: Anne Deacon and Kelli Linville

Members Absent: Dan Hammill, Byron Manering, Doug Chadwick, Ryan King, Mike Parker

Also Present: Arlene Feld, Jackie Mitchell, Mark Gardner, Meghan Ballew

During the allotted meeting time, those in attendance discussed the following agenda items.

2. Discussion with Mark Gardner on the Committee's section of the 2019 annual plan for the Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force

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3. Develop a 2019 Work 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.

Attendees discussed the status of various items on the work plan, including training that the Health Department has conducted, housing programs, a recovery house grant, working on homeless issues, working with the Lummi Nation, availability of treatment providers and private mental health facilities, a medication assisted treatment grant for the Lummi Nation, having a behavioral health professional embedded in law enforcement, supporting the Coordinated Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS) program, expanding the presence of the homeless outreach team (HOT), and scheduling a joint meeting with the Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee to discuss referrals to specialty courts.

4. Update from the Policy Academy regarding young adults in the criminal justice system

5. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

6. Other Business

Attendees discussed a proposed joint meeting with the Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee. One agenda item to be discussed would include prosecutor referrals to specialty courts and what is needed for those specialty courts to be successful. Invitees would include Linda Grant, Chris Furman, Eric Richey, Pete Smiley, and Peter Ruffatto.

7. Public Comment

Andronetta Douglas spoke.

8. Adjourn

No meeting was called to order due to lack of a quorum. Attendee discussion ended at 3:40 p.m.