

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force  
Information Needs and Data Exchange Subcommittee  
Meeting Summary for August 1, 2019***

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**1. Call To Order**

Committee Chair Tyler Schroeder called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. in the Whatcom County Courthouse Conference Rooms 513/514, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

Members Present: Tyler Schroeder, Barry Buchanan, Wendy Jones, Caleb Erickson, Brenda Beeman, Dave Reynolds, Bruce Van Glubt, Darlene Peterson, Ryan Anderson, Perry Rice, Marty Mulholland, Amy Ebenal

Members Absent: Courtney Polinder, Amy Hockenberry, Erin Herschlip, Christine Paulson

**2. State Pretrial Task Force Recommendations**

Schroeder referenced and read through the report in the meeting packet.

Committee members discussed:

- The data that Superior Court and District Court have been providing to Dr. Andrew Peterson from the Administrative Office of the Courts in the risk assessment validation process;
- Historical jail data to determine if more people are being released on personal recognizance (PR) bail amounts trends; and the difficulty of tracking the reason a judge makes a PR or bail decision;
- More information that can be collected once risk assessment is implemented.

Next steps will be for the pretrial services unit to continue working with Dr. Peterson on gathering information to establish a baseline of information.

**3. Preliminary discussion of data gathering to monitor success of new Superior Court Pretrial Services Unit**

The committee members discussed how they define what success looks like, how violations would be handled, how quickly the new pretrial services unit will ramp up to full capacity, training on the pretrial services software program, and whether pretrial services will be assigned to people out on bail.

**4. Meetings**

Jones moved to meet next on October 3, 2019, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Courthouse Fifth Floor Conference Rooms. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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**5. Other Business**

Committee members discussed whether it would be helpful to send a letter to the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) about their project to replace the caseload management software for courts of limited jurisdiction. At this point, the committee has engaged the AOC on the topic and understands its beyond their ability to provide input at this point. They can reengage if the AOC makes progress on the project, and they can invite the AOC representative to provide an update via teleconference at its next meeting in October.

Erickson reported on the progress of the workgroup and asked for direction from the full Task Force on what work product they should focus on next.

**6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.