

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force***  
***Behavioral Health Subcommittee***  
**DRAFT Meeting Summary for January 7, 2020**

---

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Co-Chair Dan Hammill called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. at the Health Department Creekside Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham.

Members Present: Megan Ballew, Dan Hammill, Ryan King, Byron Manering

Members Absent: Doug Chadwick, Mike Parker

**2. Appointment to County Council's Strategic Advisory Committee for Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment**

Deacon reported on the needs assessment.

Manering moved to appoint Dan Hammill to represent the Behavioral Health Committee on the Strategic Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**3. Linking prevention and incarceration**

Joe Fuller, Health Department, submitted and read from a presentation on mental health promotion and substance abuse prevention (on file).

Committee members discussed the amount of money the County spends on prevention efforts, working with the school districts to reach all parts of the county, maximizing grant opportunities, changes to the Becca Bill and school dropout, the County's juvenile program, providing before-school services to families with young children, focusing the committee on policies and finding new money for program and barriers to service.

**4. Update on the Handle with Care Program**

Manering stated there is a lack of information on how those programs are actually working in the program. There is no new information.

**5. Updates and Other Business**

There were no other updates or other business.

**6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.