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IPR Task Force

Motion:

The Task Force recommends that the County Council expand the purpose and function of the Task Force in Whatcom County Code 2.46 to amend subsection .020 and to add a new section 2.46.030G:

2.46.020 Purpose.

The purpose of the incarceration prevention and reduction task force is to *[bullet points are Jill's]*:

- continually review Whatcom County's criminal justice and behavioral health programs and make specific recommendations to safely and effectively reduce incarceration of individuals struggling with mental illness and chemical dependency, and
- minimize jail utilization by pretrial defendants who can safely be released, and
- Add something about adding a focus on consideration of prevention prior to entering the system.

2.46.030 Function.

The task force will consider national best practices and report on and make recommendations to the county council, executive, and other appropriate officials regarding:

G. Add something about evidence-based strategies and interventions that positively impact the social determinants of health that create risk factors for incarceration