

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Behavioral Health Subcommittee
DRAFT Meeting Summary for August 3, 2020

1. Call to Order

Committee Co-Chair Mike Parker called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom webinar.

Members Present: Nathan Bajema, Arlene Feld, Heather Flaherty, Stephen Gockley, Dan Hammill, Mike Hilley, Mike Parker

Members Absent: Megan Ballew, Doug Chadwick, Seth Fleetwood, Byron Manering, Perry Mowery

2. Recap from Aug. 3 Task Force meeting

The committee members discussed the Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force (IPRTF) Meeting. Items assigned to this committee include:

- Racial equity toolkit
- Communications about good work for transparency
- Consider expanding Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) services

3. Status updates from committee members

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4. Behavioral health programs and expansion update (HOT, GRACE, CAHOOTS, PACT)

Hilley reported on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and GRACE programs.

- The two programs will operate parallel to each other
- SeaMar has the contract from GRACE, and is hiring a LEAD program manager in addition to four case managers.
- The Julota case management software will work for both programs
- Local LEAD program developers are looking at programs in other jurisdictions to develop the program

The committee discussed whether there are enough service providers to work with the folks in these programs; the similarities and differences between the two programs; the prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare (PITA) continuum; funding from the Trueblood lawsuit; and the need for funding to create more homeless housing and dedicated housing for GRACE and LEAD program participants.

5. Racial equity and next steps from Steering Committee

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The committee members discussed the need for disaggregated data, a racial equity toolkit, and bias training; the status of the MacArthur Foundation grant program; engaging and learning from people who are in the criminal justice system; and whether there could be potential negative side effects from prosecutorial changes regarding stipulated orders of continuance and driving while license suspended (DWLS) 3rd degree.

6. Next steps for committee

Next steps will include:

- Racial equity toolkit
- Agency needs for changes due to Covid
- Expanding representation on this committee to include more affected folks
- Communications Planning
- Youth intervention and prevention: Heather Flaherty and Dean Wight (NWYS) to update the committee on youth intervention and prevention

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.