

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Information Needs and Data Exchange Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for January 7, 2021***

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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Caleb Erickson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was a remote-only virtual Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Barry Buchanan, Caleb Erickson, Ryan Anderson, Dave Reynolds Brenda Beeman, Wendy Jones, Darlene Peterson, Kathy Smith, Perry Rice, Tyler Schroeder

2. [Report on the new Julota case management system \(01:15\)](#)

Jeremy Morton, Whatcom County Systems Administrator, described his role as the lead analyst for the emergency management system (EMS), Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program, and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. He gave a presentation on the Julota case management system:

- Individuals move between different systems, such as jail, the emergency department, and other systems. The goal is to bring the information from all systems into a secure and shareable format.
- They identified and mapped what they need the program to do, and then tested the system to see if it worked
- The goal of GRACE and LEAD is to engage people in services.
- GRACE and LEAD are different programs, but share staff.
- Patient information can securely be sent or accessed between agencies.
- The Julota system will create reports to track program efficacy and help secure funding.
- Julota can be a community information exchange platform and connect EMS services under one umbrella. Caseworkers can see a patient's involvement across all the agencies' systems and engage the patient before reaching the point of crisis.
- The program can readily produce data on trends.
- They are now quantifying the law enforcement data for patients.
- The resting place for the actual data is in the cloud in the Julota system.

The committee discussed whether something like the Julota system is available to the greater criminal justice system; Tableau analytic software program, and; the challenge of data validation.

3. [Discussion of process for requesting data from the INDEX Committee \(22:55\)](#)

Erickson reported on the request of the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force to identify how to submit requests for data.

The committee discussed the possibility of creating a data request form; the difficulty of making sure that people request the right information for what they may actually need; potential time management issues for staff from requests, and; creating an email address and distribution list for the INDEX Committee for data requests.

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Buchanan moved that Perry Rice and Caleb Erickson work to set up an email address and distribution list for the INDEX Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. [Discussion of the possibility of hiring Dr. James Austin, JFA Institute, to consult on next steps for the INDEX Committee \(30:38\)](#)

Schroeder reported on the original idea of hiring Dr. Austin to consult with the INDEX Committee. A next step for the committee is to identify policy questions. The INDEX Committee could ask the Task Force if it wants to bring in an expert via a request for proposals or qualifications. A budget would have to be allocated.

Buchanan moved to get feedback from the main Task Force about an RFP. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Erickson stated there isn't a good repository for publicly-available data. They need a discussion about the information they can make available to an analytic system for development and refinement.

The committee discussed including that request in the RFP/Q for the consultant; data that resides outside the Spillman system; new criminal justice system case management systems; the need to start working with the municipalities and tribes, whose data impacts the jail; develop interagency collaboration; recruiting a representative of the Bellingham Police Department for the INDEX Committee.

5. [Other Business \(44:26\)](#)

Peterson stated municipal and district courts in the state are getting a new Odyssey computer system, so they'll all have the same database. It will likely be the end of 2021 or Spring of 2022 when the new systems are installed in this area.

Reynolds stated most of the demographic information comes from the State Department of Licensing. That impacts the statistics on race and ethnicity.

Rice reported on several technology projects for 2021 within the criminal justice system. As they work with implementing the new systems, he will keep in mind the need for data integration and sharing.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.