

# Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

## Legal and Justice Systems Committee

Meeting Summary for August 10, 2021

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### 1. Call to Order

Committee Co-Chair Raylene King called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was held via remote-only Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Arlene Feld, Stephen Gockley, Raylene King, Jackie Mitchell, Eric Richey, Flo Simon, Donnell Tanksley, Bruce Van Glubt, Maia Vanyo

Members Absent: Bill Elfo, David Freeman, Deborah Hawley, Moonwater, Darlene Peterson

### 2. [Domestic violence offender treatment \(00:48\)](#)

Amie Roberts, DSHS, reported on the State effort to revise the WAC for offender treatment and gave a presentation on the process for developing the new program; the research they reviewed when creating the new WAC; efficacy of treatment and progressive treatment levels; core treatment standards; the importance of group treatment, and; cost of treatment varies by provider.

Roberts and the Committee members discussed availability of individual therapy; training treatment providers; providers working with courts and probation officers; whether DSHS has worked with HCA or Medicaid plans to provide payment for this service; treatment programs that are specific to a particular culture and/or language; what the committee can recommend to the full Task Force, such as funding; qualified workforce shortage; comparison with other types of treatment; impact on the need for treatment and number of providers from the Covid pandemic; nationally-recognized best practices for domestic violence treatment; domestic violence assessments and whether there are screening factors that suggest someone should be referred to other types of behavioral health treatment before domestic violence treatment; new police reform laws and victim safety; courts that are specific to domestic violence, and; number of domestic violence cases in Whatcom County.

### 3. External communication and engagement

There were no suggestions or discussion.

### 4. [America Rescue Plan Act funding: How can ARPA dollars support public health programs and public health data systems with a criminal justice aspect \(45:23\)](#)

Task Force members discussed the possibility of making a recommendation for domestic violence treatment, including funding for the workforce and gathering data on how the pandemic has impacted domestic violence and mental health treatment.

### 5. [Other Business \(49:00\)](#)

Task Force members discussed getting input on the committee from juvenile court, juvenile court trends, and focus on treatment.

### Agenda items for September joint meeting with Behavioral Health Committee

There were no suggestions for agenda topics for the September joint meeting.

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**6. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.