

# Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force: Behavioral Health Committee

Meeting Summary for October 18, 2022

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## 1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Mike Parker called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. The meeting was held via remote-only Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Arlene Feld, Stephen Gockley, Dan Hammill, Mike Hilley, Perry Mowery, Mike Parker, Donnell Tanksley, Courtney Taylor,

Members Absent: Nathan Bajema, Chris Cochran, Doug Chadwick, Brian Estes, Seth Fleetwood, Heather Flaherty, Jenn Lockwood, Michael G. Smith, Brien Thane

## 2. [Behavioral Health and SUD medical reimbursement and provider rates \(00:01:35\)](#)

Joe Valentine, Executive Director of the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO), shared recommendations regarding Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment. They were outlined in the Recommendations document shared with members and posted online. The state has also created a new Substance Use Disorder Professional Apprenticeship program starting this year.

Members discussed and Valentine and State Representative Alicia Rule fielded questions on topics including:

- Funding for work study
- How to make internships financially realistic
- How to make it affordable for practitioners to live in the area once they start their careers
- Medicaid reimbursement rates, parity, and how pressure can be applied at various levels to improve the situation
- The competency restoration process, the length of time people remain in jail pre-trial awaiting competency restoration, and the possibility of establishing a local option for providing competency restoration
- Strategies for workforce retention in the behavioral health field including compensation, reimbursement for licensing, and training
- Racial equity considerations
- The importance of being bold in what the Task Force asks for from the legislature

## 3. [Strategy and metrics for evaluating outcomes of LEAD and GRACE \(01:07:05\)](#)

Malora Christensen, Response Systems Manager, presented to the committee on her department's programs, including the Ground-level Response And Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program, the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, Mental Health Court, the Alternative Response Team (ART), and the Co-Responder Team. She focused on the GRACE and LEAD programs, including information on what services they provide, eligibility criteria, how impact is evaluated, the availability of data, success rates, and how they are incorporating participant voice.

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### **4. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **5. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.