

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force / Law and Justice Council

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., December 19, 2022. Hybrid meeting

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Meeting Participation Information

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AGENDA

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Before we begin, we acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional and unceded territory of the Lummi, Nooksack, Samish and Semiahmoo People who have cared for and tended this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We pay respect to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.

Packet Pages

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Review of Justice Project Needs Assessment** (IPRTF Acting as the Law and Justice Council)
Presentation and work session/Barry Buchanan, Jack Hovenier, Stephen Gockley
..... [Draft Needs Assessment Report](#) and updated [Needs & Recommendations](#)
3. **2022 Year-End Report to County Council and Executive** 1 - 26
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Review and Approve/Steering Committee
6. **Committee Updates** To be distributed
 Steering Committee (Dec. 8)
 Joint Behavioral Health Committee and Legal & Justice Systems Committee (Dec. 13)
7. **Other Business**
8. **Public Comment**
 1. If you would like to speak, virtually “raise your hand.”
 - a. Online: select the Raise Hand icon
 - b. Phone: Press *9
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 3. Please state your full name for the record.
 4. Staff will disable your microphone when you are done speaking.
9. **Adjourn**

Meeting summary of the previous meeting is included at the end of the packet for information only. Committee members may suggest changes and/or corrections to the draft summary to jnixon@co.whatcom.wa.us. Audio recordings are the official meeting record and can be found on the IPRTF and committee [website](#).

Upcoming Meetings

- 2023 meeting schedule to be announced.
- Visit the [Task Force website meeting calendar](#) for the most up-to-date meeting schedule.
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