

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Information Needs and Data Exchange (INDEX) Committee

1:30 - 3:00 p.m., October 5, 2023. Hybrid meeting

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AGENDA

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Packet Pages

There is no packet for this agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Potential surveys of providers, users, and of Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services about using the Anne Deacon Center for Hope crisis stabilization facility** *(continued from August meeting)*
Discussion
3. **Health and Community Services Dept. Response Division data tracking efforts**
Report/Malora Christensen, Response Systems Division, Health Department
4. **Other Business**
5. **Public Comment:** Per RCW 42.17A.555 the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues is prohibited. Members of the public and the legislative body are not allowed to speak in support of, or in opposition to, a ballot measure or individual candidacy during an open public meeting. Please refrain from raising campaign issues when addressing the Council.
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6. **Adjourn**

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	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u> Monthly 3 rd Tuesday 9:00-10:30 AM	<u>LEGAL & JUSTICE SYSTEMS</u> Monthly 2 nd Tuesday 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<u>CRISIS STABILIZATION FACILITY</u> Quarterly, 3 rd Thursday 9:30-11:00 AM	<u>INDEX</u> Bi-monthly 1 st Thursday 1:30-3:00 PM	<u>STEERING</u> Monthly Various Thursdays 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
October 23 November 13 December 18	October 17 November 14* December 19* (11:30-1:00)	October 10 November 14 December 19*	October 19	December 7	October 12 November 2 December 7

* Alternate meeting day

Meetings in bold are quarterly joint meetings of the Behavioral Health and Legal & Justice Systems Committees

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force: INDEX Committee

Meeting Summary for August 3, 2023

Agenda item links to YouTube video are functional at the time this meeting summary was created, however, YouTube links may change. Links in this document will not be updated. Please refer to the time notation on each agenda item.

Due to the lack of a quorum of its members, the INDEX Committee did not have an official meeting. A summary of the discussion of the members present is below.

1. Discussion of Potential Survey of Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services about Use of the Anne Deacon Center for Hope Crisis Stabilization Facility

Raylene King said it was brought to her attention that the Anne Deacon Center for Hope is being underutilized by law enforcement and EMS. The idea of creating a survey for law enforcement and EMS about their use of the Center was proposed at a previous meeting. The goal of the survey would be to identify the issues causing underutilization and to better understand people's awareness of the Center as a resource.

Members discussed some potential reasons for the Anne Deacon Center's current underutilization by law enforcement and EMS. Length of time required for intake, lack of space, and restrictive behavior criteria were some of the issues described.

King stressed that some of the smaller Whatcom County agencies might not know what the Center does or how to utilize it. Wendy Jones said a first step might be to provide concrete information about the Center and its requirements to these groups as well as other community support resources such as Narcotics Anonymous (NA), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), etc. Once awareness has been raised, a survey might be given to Anne Deacon Center staff to better learn what types of challenges they face in admitting individuals referred by law enforcement or EMS.

Members discussed additional data they would like to see collected, including where most people who utilize the Center are coming from (Bellingham, small cities, other areas of Whatcom, etc.) and how many people are turned away from the Center and why.

One member of the public, Jason Nefores, spoke and encouraged follow up with individuals who use or want to use the services at the Anne Deacon Center to learn more about their experience.