

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11th, 2012, 8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Ken Bergsma	Gregg Freeman	Will Reichardt
Rich Weyrich	Dale Ragan	Dave Needy
Lisa Rumsey	Sharon Dillon	Tim Holloran
Jennifer Kingsley	Alan Erickson	Chuck Benjamin
Delilah George	Mike Mahoney	Andrea Vallee
Phil McLaughlin	Roxane Goss	Tom Molitor
Marc Estvold	Lynsi Burton	LaDessa Croucher
Bonnie Bowers	Laurie Jarolimek	

Today's meeting began at 8:15 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Ken Bergsma**, *Mount Vernon Police Chief and Law & Justice Council Chairman*.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion and second by the Council that the November 9th, 2011 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried.

MEETING TOPIC:

SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY: Laurie Jarolimek, *Sheriff's Office*; **Gregg Freeman**, *Dept of Corrections*; **Ken VanLiew**, *Juvenile Probations*- Informed the Council on how Sex Offenders are assessed and leveled, how community notification is provided, and how supervision and tracking is carried out on both adult and juvenile offenders.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Community Services Director, **Jennifer Kingsley**, reported that the 5 community forums to inform the public of the affect of the proposed budget cuts on our local community were generally well attended.

Jennifer announced that the Peer Center was closing and would be replaced by the new Recovery Center on College Way, across from Papa Murphy's. The new facility will concentrate more heavily on mental health and chemical dependency recovery. Teens 16 years and older will be accepted at the new center set to open in mid February. No food will be offered at this center to keep the priority on recovery and not homeless drop in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Andrea Vallee announced that she will be leaving the Dispute Resolution Center the end of February, and introduced her replacement **LaDessa Croucher**. LaDessa will be representing the DRC on the Law & Justice Council as well.

Tim Holloran introduced **Marc Estvold** the new Jail Facility Project Manager.

NEXT MEETING- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Approved __2/8/12_____