

Skagit County Law & Justice Council

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WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2017
8:25 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Attendance:

LISA TREMBLAY
DAVID JEFFERSON
JOE VALENTINE
WILL REICHARDT

CHARLIE WEND
KEITH TYNE
MARGARET ROJAS
MARC ESTVOLD

ROB SULLIVAN
CINDY COHEN
MAVIS BETZ
SHELLI YOUNG

MIKE ELLIS
TIM HOLLORAN
LISA LEE

I. Welcome – Margaret Rojas, Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Margaret Rojas called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. and welcomed the Council and guests.

II. Introductions

Attendees, present at the start of the meeting, introduced themselves. The list of names of those attending the meeting is listed above.

III. Review and approval of December 14, 2016 minutes

The minutes from December 14, 2016 Law & Justice Council meeting were reviewed. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Jail Update

Marc Estvold provided an update on the Skagit County Community Justice Center (Justice Center) project. He said the project is going well and on-schedule. There is clean water testing happening once a quarter as required by the Department of Ecology and the Justice Center has passed with a clean water report 2 times in a row.

Will Reichardt reported that staff hiring is happening and once completed and staff training has been done, the Justice Center will be opened to inmates. Changes and upgrades have been made in the medical service area of the Justice Center.

Tim Holloran stated that overnight stay for citizens may happen in June with many benefits such as support and practice for staff.

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Charlie Wend arrived and took his place as Chair.

V. Presentation: Opioid Regional Assessment and Skagit County Plan. Presented by David Jefferson and Shelli Young

David Jefferson started the presentation with a PowerPoint. This highlighted the Population Health Trust Advisory Committee and its goals which include Community Alignment, Common Goals and Collective Impact. Formed in 2015, Phase One, Assessment, took one year and it is anticipated that Phase Two, Planning, will take 2-5 years to roll out its plan. There are 13 Priority Items, Opioids being one of them. The Community questions and concerns around Opioids was a call to action. A Gaps Analysis was done which was a very intense and deliberate process.

Locals are looking at the State Plan with modifications for Skagit County. There has been a huge effort to meet with people to understand the nuances that might not otherwise come out in conversations. Regional and local efforts are working together.

Work has been done on:

- 1.) Preventing Opioid Misuse and Abuse
- 2.) How to Treat Opioid Dependence
 - A) Improving transition between levels of care
 - B) Treating Opioid Dependence, link those leaving the Emergency Department to treatment options
- 3.) Increase Medication Assisted Treatment
- 4.) Prevent Deaths from Overdose

Going Forward:

Legislation Advocacy, Board of Health Resolution with our Commissioners, Seeking Funds and being ready when they come, building partnerships

Q and A: Connection with our local schools and young folks is important. Housing and homelessness is a huge issue which includes housing zoning and community education. Communication is important via publishing what's happening and what's working. Recovery Coaches and building partnerships in the community is important. Lots of good and exciting things are going on.

VI. Announcements

Joe Valentine, North Sound Mental Health, shared that his department is currently working on funding.

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VII. May Meeting

It was agreed that the May 10, 2017 meeting would include a tour of the Skagit County Community Justice Center. This would be during the meeting time of 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. Charlie Wend will be working on this and more details will be sent to all members of the Skagit County Law & Justice Council.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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