

Skagit County Law & Justice Council

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Director PHS
Member-at-Large

Cathy Sisk
Jail/Court Coordinator
Executive Assistant

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

CHARLIE WEND
ROXANE GOSS
BONNIE BOWERS
MISTY BARGANSKI

ROB SULLIVAN
MARK RAAKA
PHIL MCLAUGHLIN
MATT MILLER

CATHY SISK
LISA JANICKI
MIKE ELLIS
DALE RAGAN

TIM HOLLORAN
LISA LEE
MARGARET ROJAS
MARC ESTVOLD

I. Welcome – Rob Sullivan, Member-at-Large

Member-at-Large Rob Sullivan called the meeting to order at approximately 8:20 a.m. and welcomed the Council and guests.

II. Introductions

All present introduced themselves with the names listed above.

III. Review and approval of January 13, 2016 minutes

The minutes from January 13, 2016 Law & Justice Council meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was brought by Commissioner Janicki. Second by Dale Ragan. Motion carries.

IV. Jail Update – Marc Estvold

A large amount of fill has been imported to the jail site. The first concrete has been poured. Geo piers should be in place by tomorrow, on schedule. You can start to see the perimeter now. Mid-march the standing wall panels will start to go up. The walls are pre-cast, made in Montana, and trucked to Mount Vernon. In mid-April the steel should go up for roof structures. In June we should have a good feeling for the size of the building.

Charlie Wend, Jail Chief, stated that a web cam has been set up and gives an accelerated view over time as well. Cathy will send out email with link to the web cam.

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V. Presentation – Goodwill Job Training and Education Center by Felicia Boettger, Manager.

It was an informative presentation by Felicia Boettger regarding Goodwill's job training and services.

Goodwill has been in Skagit County for 10 years. They are a part of Seattle Goodwill. Goodwill is the seventh largest non-profit organization in the Northwest. Last year they served over 6,000 people.

Goodwill provides quality, effective employment training and basic education to individuals experiencing significant barriers to economic opportunity.

The goal is to offer free classes for job training and education. Goodwill offers job search workshops, open labs, GED classes, and computer classes to help with resume building.

Goodwill also has a full time case manager who is able to help students with everything to help them get to class or work.

Applicants are screened to address potential barriers, such as drug or mental health issues. In 2015 Skagit Goodwill served over 450 people and helped with 65 job placements.

They also help with classes on helping individuals with criminal records learn how to discuss this type of barrier with potential employers.

Goodwill Job Training and Education Center will be moving into the old Rite Aid building on College Way in May 2016.

VI. Announcements

Margaret Rojas stated that the location of North Sound Mental Health Administration has moved from the Carnation building into the building behind the old Rite Aid. NSMHA will be hiring a lot of staff.

Bonnie Bowers shared that Soroptimist is involved in the Human Trafficking Coalition. They are bringing programs to Skagit. She passed out handouts for programs to stop human trafficking.

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Tim Holloran spoke on the topic of behavioral health. He said the County will partner with North Sound to come up with a plan for a recovery oriented system that our local communities can adopt. He had been in Olympia talking about the 5 county North Sound Region. The County's concern is closing down 141 beds and figuring out what will happen.

Chief Wend asked about the closure of Pioneer Center North and if the opening of the new facility will be in place so there is no gap in service.

Commissioner Janicki stated the Commissioners' commitment to not leave a gap in service.

Commissioner Janicki stated that Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services did a presentation to the Board and the commissioners are signing off on support of the Maryland model.

Mark Raakas stated that County EMS is going to continue training responders on using Narcan. Opioid related deaths are up 41 percent in Skagit County. 251 responders have been trained as of last week. We will have approximately 500 responders in trained in Skagit County.

VII. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 8:15 a.m.**

VIII. **Motion to adjourn the meeting brought by Dale Ragan. Second by Mike Ellis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.**