

Skagit County Law & Justice Council

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WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2018
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

ROB SULLIVAN
JULIA JOHNSON
WILL REICHARDT
LIN TUCKER

PHIL MCLAUGHLIN
DEANNA RANDALL-
SECRET
LISA TREMBLAY
MICHAEL JOHNSON

TIM HOLLORAN
MELISSA BEATEN
JACQUELYN STYRNA
REBECCA CLARK
DON MARLOW

MATT MILLER
JERRY DODD
MARGARET ROJAS
JORGE MANZANERA
AMY TIDRINGTON

I. Welcome –Will Reichardt, Chair

Chair Reichardt called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 January 10, 2018 minutes

The minutes from January 2018 Law & Justice Council meeting were reviewed. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Contact List:

The Law & Justice Council Contact List was updated. Please send changes to JStyrna@voaww.org

V. Jail Update

Don Marlow and Deanna Randall-Secret indicated the CJC population is presently 234. Regarding bookings, 1033 total last year, whereas 1629 bookings since opening October 7, 2017. So the staff is working with high volume.

Construction update: There are a few facility issues that require attention. For example, high wind is impacting the fence from tracking properly. Sound quality from the speakers needs attention. Some bunks are separating from the wall due to a quirk with epoxy paint.

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RE: Medical: NAPHCARE is on site; their nursing staff will arrive soon. NAPHCARE met every inmate personally and checked records to expedite care. A nurse stationed in Bookings screens people as they enter for medical needs. They are using a preventative role. Dental and other onsite services like EKGs are provided. Telemedicine is delivered for supporting mental health. Staff has the ability to deliver medical care directly, so no ER visits are required for routine medical needs.

There is a professional “Health Standard” for blood draws (allowed in RCWs and by NFCAM.) Depending on how this standard is implemented, given forensic and therapeutic considerations, inmates may or may not need to go to ER.

MHP on site 40 hours/week, plus Psych Practitioner, plus Telehealth

There were 1200 court visits during the month of January- all court sessions were on site so there was no need to transport to and from courts.

VI. Presentation by Lisa Tremblay and Michael Johnson on Office of Juvenile Court Services

OJC Services: Three Divisions 1. Probation and Court Services, 2. Detention, and 3. Non Offender Unit with At Risk Youth (ARY), Truancy, plus Dependency cases.

Presently, there is a significant reduction in juvenile offender referrals. Such dramatic reductions are trending across WA state, which is attributed to the success of new prevention programs and changes in WA law. For example, truancy program implementation is preventative and effective in nature. Truancy Petitions are filed with the Court when a youth or child has received 5 unexcused absences within a month or 10 unexcused absences per school year. There is a direct correlation between school truancy and risk of further court activity.

Criminal referrals are for high risk and high needs kids that fall high on the complexity scale. Presently, adult jurisdiction is at age 16 when a youth is charged with a serious, violent offense. Approximately 7 years ago, the Detention facility population was at 17-20; it is now down to 8-9 in detention. Typically half are held under adult jurisdiction. Juveniles stay is 6 days on average. Adults may remain in custody for 3-6 months and oftentimes much longer depending on their case. The Skagit County Juvenile Detention facility is the oldest in WA and needs improvements. Recently, the County Commissioners approved skylights for natural light.

Senate Bill 5519 is moving from the Senate to the House. It extends jurisdiction of Juvenile Courts from age 21 to age 25, which impacts institutionalized kids for a

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rehabilitative setting longer and eliminates auto decline at age 16 for adult offenses.

Law Enforcement interactions with kids: At 1st Point of contact and depending upon the nature of the referral may refer kids for diversion programs and interventions for both the child and family for a positive impact. The first or second point of contact may be an opportunity for positive intervention versus waiting to refer youth in which the opportunity for a successful intervention is far less. 1/2 of OJC staff is bilingual. The earlier OJC sees kids, the more likely they are to generate successful interventions.

Chief Dodd mentioned he's noticed less minor juvenile offenses occurring; however there are some very serious offenders. MVPD hopes to have 1 new officer connecting with elementary schools for 8-9 year olds for intervention.

Michael is the OJC Probation Division Manager- OJC staff connects with resource officers in regional schools on a frequent basis. This regionalized approach works well.

- Truancy agreement with school districts help OJC understand barriers and set up services. BECCA Program.
- ARY (At Risk Youth) Petitions are parent initiated and is a tool for parents to access the Court for assistance in gaining control of their child. At Risk Youth Petitions may be initiated if the parent's suspect a drug or alcohol issue. Diversion Programs are for youth who are referred for a first time, minor offense. This non-Court process allows for programming and intervention as well as confidentiality.
- The Juvenile Probation Department utilizes a co-op of community resources and partnerships including:(a) CCS drugs/ mental health, (b) VOA- VOICE Class Impact, (c) WorkSource job readiness employment training (d) SVC-Technical College Open Doors program for a trade, (e) JobCorps, (f) School Resource Officers to keep kids engaged, (g) plus Oasis Daylight Program Teen Shelter, and (f) Parks & Recs Work Crew for community service projects and long lasting impact.

Consistent relationships are very important to kids.

All youth placed on Community Supervision receive an in-depth Risk Assessment in an effort to identify risks to target resources as well as strengths to build upon. Many youth, through this process are eligible to receive Functional Family Therapy (FFT), a 10 week, evidenced based, family therapy model. This model works with the family as a unit and on the family's schedule. The Office of Juvenile Court is fortunate to have two full time, in house FFT therapists.

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Chief Tucker: Sedro-Woolley is experiencing either very serious problems or very few minor offenses. SW is seeing more 18-24 year old couch surfers with minor crimes, but even fewer car prowls.

OJC is strengthening ARY Programs right now with staff, and they deliver a strong group of resources for families. The **AYR petition** is a non-offender process initiated by parents via DSHS. Regarding Gangs: Evidence based interventions are needed to get kids out of the gang lifestyle.

VII. Announcements

- Superior Court: Gwen Halliday assumed full-time Domestic Motions Calendar, AYR, and Juvenile docket.
- Judge Svaren is taking the place of Judge Needy on Law & Justice Council.

VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday March 14, 2018

IX. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.