

Skagit County Law & Justice Council

Lisa Tremblay
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Jail Commander
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Director PHS
Member-at-Large

Cathy Sisk
Jail/Court Coordinator
Executive Assistant

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

Attendance:

CHARLIE WEND
ROXANE GOSS
LIN TUCKER
MISTY BARGANSKI
AUDRA JUNG

LISA TREMBLAY
WILL REICHARDT
PHIL MCLAUGHLIN
LADESSA CROUCHER
DAVID JEFFERSON

CATHY SISK
BONNIE BOWERS
JENNIFER JOHNSON
DALE RAGAN
RICH WEYRICH

TIM HOLLORAN
MARGARET ROJAS
SARAH HINMAN
KEITH TYNE

I. Welcome – Lisa Tremblay, Chair

Chair Lisa Tremblay called the meeting to order at approximately 8:15 a.m. and welcomed the Council and guests.

II. Introductions

All present introduced themselves with the names listed above.

III. Review and approval of February 10, 2016 minutes

The minutes from February 10, 2016 Law & Justice Council meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was brought by Charlie Wend. Second by Bonnie Bowers. Motion carries.

IV. Jail Update – Marc Estvold

The outside walls of the jail are going up within the week. The plan is to tip the walls up, put the roof on, and start doing the work inside the building in that order. The building should be up by Spring 2017. The County is now starting to look at the inside design and furniture for the interior.

The funding from DOE has slowed down some but the County is hoping that DOE will come through with what they originally agreed to fund.

The building is on schedule and on budget.

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Mr. Estvold gives a monthly presentation to the Commissioners on the progress of the new jail the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. Cathy Sisk will get the link and send it to members.

County Administrator Tim Holloran advised that the ground soil is still not clean and they will continue to work on de-contamination.

Chief Wend explained how they have to strategize around the dewatering/rain as they work to place the last of the underground lines. This work will be scheduled for late summer/fall in order for the water table to drop.

V. Presentation – Population Health Trust Community Health Assessment by David Jefferson, Health Analyst

David Jefferson presented on the findings of two community health assessments that were completed in 2015 and shared with the community. One involved a review of 78 health indicators that were then prioritized to 12 and the Quality of Life survey that was completed by Skagit County residents. The purpose of the survey was to seek out the areas of greatest concern facing Skagit County families and the underlying causes for the challenges faced. More than 1,500 Skagit County adults participated in the survey, which was implemented in June-July 2015.

The health indicators and survey was divided into 4 distinct areas that matched the Robert Wood Johnson County Health Ranking model with sub-categories as follows:

- Social & Economic Environment
 - Income and Poverty
 - Safety
 - Nutrition and Weight Status
 - Housing
 - Economics and Employment
 - Emergency Preparedness

- Physical Environment
 - Natural Environment
 - Living environment
 - Access to Physical Activity Opportunities
 - Access to Health Foods
 - Safety
 - Housing
 - Weight Status
 - Transportation

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- Health Care Access and Quality
 - Health Insurance Coverage
 - Medical Care
 - Dental Care
 - Immunization and Screening
 - Pregnancy and Birth
 - Chronic and Non-communicable Disease and Health Care Visits
 - Communicable Disease

- Health Behaviors
 - Teen Safety
 - Substance Use
 - Mental Health
 - Nutrition
 - Weight Status and Physical Activity

The findings from the two assessments were presented at five community health forums around the County seeking public input. The next phase is for the Trust members to review all the health assessment information and select a few priorities with confidence they can influence and change for the better. Once the priorities are identified another round of community conversation will take place.

All the health assessment documents, including the Final Summary are now available on the [Skagit County Web Page](#).

VI. Announcements

Sheriff Will Reichardt announced that the Sheriff's Office Pro-Active team has already made a difference since their start in January. There is a Sergeant and two deputies assigned to the team. The main reason for forming the team is to identify and target repeat offenders.

Chief Bonnie Bowers announced that Skagit Human Trafficking Coalition had a successful training yesterday. She also said that the Chiefs are planning another training this year.

Keith Tyne made the announcement that Laura Riquelme has been appointed by the Governor's office to fill the Superior Court Judgeship vacated by Judge Susan Cook in March 2016. She will be sworn in on March 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in courtroom two.

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LaDessa Croucher thanked everyone who supported the Dispute Resolution Center's efforts this legislative session with SHB2674, explaining that this bill would have provided the first increase in funding to DRCs in 25 years. She said it passed the House but did not make it out of the Senate Law & Justice Committee. They learned a lot this session and built a lot of support and have an understanding of the additional support they will need to gain to have a successful session next year.

VII. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 8:15 a.m.**

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