

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 10th, 2013, 8:15 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

CHARLIE WEND	RICH WEYRICH	NANCY SCOTT
DAVE NEEDY	LISA TREMBLAY	TIM HOLLORAN
RON WESEN	SHARON DILLON	ROXANE GOSS
WILL REICHARDT	DALE RAGAN	MARC ESTVOLD
BONNIE BOWERS	JOE VALENTINE	LADESSA CROUCHER
KEITH TYNE	DELILAH GEORGE	DEANNIE NELSON
DANIEL DEMPSEY	LIN TUCKER	LYNSI BURTON
ALAN ERICKSON	SHARON WHITTAKER	LAURIE JAROLIMEK

Today's meeting began at 8:20 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Vice-Chairman, Charlie Wend**.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

There was a motion and second by the Council that the March 13th, 2013 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed.

**PROGRAM:**

The RSAT (Residential Substance Abuse Treatment) team of **Rob Sullivan**, from Skagit Recovery, and Skagit County Corrections **Deputy Julie Zorn**, gave a presentation on the MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) program. This inmate self-referred program is being offered in the Skagit County jail to facilitate higher levels of moral reasoning. The program currently has 22 participants who meet twice a week to work on changing their thinking and way of life. Skagit County is the only county in Washington currently receiving funds for this program, which has had amazing results for those that have completed the course.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER's, **LaDessa Croucher** presented a request for the Law & Justice Council to continue to endorse the Byrne Grant award for their use in helping juvenile first time and minor offenders through the Restorative Justice Program. The council voted to unanimously approve this endorsement. **Tim Holloran** and others also commended **Sean Connor's** work with the Dispute Resolution Center through the Volunteers of America.

**JAIL FACILITY TASK FORCE:**

**Tim Holloran** commented that the Jail Coordinating Council was "cautiously optimistic" that the major hurdle of financing would be resolved by the end of the week. He stated that the next step would be for the Law & Justice members and other public groups to support and promote the decision in order to be ready to go on the ballot in August. He thanked **Will Reichardt, Charlie Wend, Rich Weyrich** and the **Skagit County Judges** who have given extra of their time to work on this committee. MV Councilman, **Dale Ragan**, reminded the group that the Town Council, not the mayor, is the final decision maker on city projects and that he is optimistic that Mount Vernon is on

board at this time. He was also hopeful that decisions in Washington DC regarding tax on internet sales, would benefit our county in the future, therefore increasing city revenues.

**NEXT MEETING-** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April, 10th, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Approved: \_5/8/13\_\_\_\_\_