

Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14th, 2010, 8:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Gary Shand	Gregg Freeman	Charlie Wend
Linda Eiford	Ken Dahlstedt	Tim Holloran
Alan Erickson	Andrea Vallee	Michael Ellis
Rich Weyrich	Roxane Goss	Keith Tyne
Delilah George	Ken Bergsma	John Lum
Dave Needy	Jennifer Kingsley	Scott McMullen
Phil McLaughlin	Laurie Jarolimek	

Today's meeting began at 8:15 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Gary Shand**, *Skagit County Jail and Law & Justice Council Chairman*.

March 10th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion and second by the Council that the March 10th, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Linda Eiford, *District Court Probations*- Updated the Council on laws that will go into affect June 10th, 2010, that would impact Law & Justice agencies.

SPEAKERS:

Andrea Vallee, *Dispute Resolution Center*-Spoke to us regarding VOM (Victim Offender Meetings) program. VOM will significantly impact the perspective of juvenile offenders as they reflect on the criminal offense they have committed. This program is new to Skagit. Their clientele are selected from the diversion program at this time. See handout.

Gerry Hover, *DOC, Sex Offender specialist*-Gave us an overview on treatment and the recidivism rate of sex offenders. He stated that studies show 31% of sex offenders reoffend; as opposed to 17% if they have received treatment. See handout.

UPDATE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER:

Tim Holloran, *County Administrator*- Began by saying that the Criminal Justice Center would realistically not be ready for the February 2011 ballot. Short term/Immediate solutions should be explored at this time, as well as long term solutions. General discussion followed. **Commissioner Dahlstedt** suggested bringing together mayors and police chiefs to work on alternatives for the overcrowded jail situation at present. He suggested inviting them to a future Facilities Task Force meeting. It was recommended that the Council bring in a liaison from the Association of Counties to help facilitate plans. **Gary Shand** commended the improvement that has happened with the Health Dept taking over the medical clinic in the jail.

Next Meeting- is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th, 2010.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Approved 5/12/10