

Skagit County Law & Justice Council

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Sup/Juv Court Admin.
Vice-Chair

Rob Sullivan
Director PHS
Member-at-Large

Cathy Sisk
Jail/Court Coordinator
Executive Assistant

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2015
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

WILL REICHARDT
SARAH HINMAN
MARK RAAKA
LADESSA CROUCHER
DALE RAGAN

CATHY SISK
ROB SULLIVAN
MISTY BARGANSKI
PHIL MCLAUGHLIN
REBECCA CLARK

TIM HOLLORAN
DAVE NEEDY
JENNIFER JOHNSON
AUDRA JUNG
MARC ESTVOLD

LISA TREMBLAY
LISA LEE
BONNIE BOWERS
JOE VALENTINE

I. Welcome – Lisa Tremblay, Vice-Chair

Vice-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 October 14, 2015 minutes

The minutes from the October 14, 2015 Law & Justice Council meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved.

IV. Jail Update – Marc Estvold

The new jail is located in a flood plain requiring five feet of fill to be put under the structure to raise it out of the flood plain. In addition, approximately 2,000 piers, 27 feet deep, will be placed under the structure to assure the building will not have problems with settlement and to assist in resisting earthquakes. The building of the jail is an 18-19 month project. We are in the second month and the project is going well.

V. Announcements

Lisa Tremblay announced that Judge Cook will be retiring at the end of February 2016.

Sheriff Reichardt shared that the Sheriff's Office is moving forward to bring Narcan on board.

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Jennifer Johnson announced that Public Health is getting an order to distribute Narcan kits along with needles. The Needle Exchange Program is now in Marblemount once a month and will be expanding to reach South Mount Vernon within a month.

Ms. Johnson also shared that Public Health has partnered with Phoenix Recovery to provide information on using Narcan.

The Skagit Treatment Engagement Program was created to engage homeless individuals into treatment. There will be a meeting on January 22, 2016, from 8:30-11:00 to start community conversation on how to best serve our homeless community.

Tim Holloran shared that DOE had promised to fund the clean-up of the jail site at 90 percent or approximately 1.4 million dollars. However, since gas prices are down the County is now receiving letters from DOE with some uncertainty about funding.

There is a continuing effort to come up with a mental health model. The County is working with someone with expertise to determine the best model to put in five counties. By February 2016 the County will have a good idea of what we want and need to go to the legislature.

Mark Raaka talked to the Chiefs in September regarding training on using Narcan. EMS is offering to facilitate the process since law enforcement isn't medically trained. EMS will also set up tracking for expiring meds.

Joe Valentine said they are moving ahead with planning for a new behavior health system. They are preparing information sheets for law enforcement and others so they will know how to get people into treatment.

VI. 2016 Executive Board presented and approved.

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VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2015, 8:15 a.m.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.