

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
June 20, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Haertel called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

The May 16, 2012 minutes were accepted as published.

Jail Population Report

Chief Tom Haugen reported the jail average daily population (ADP) in May was 109. The average was 92 males and 17 females. Currently there are 84 inmates.

Steve DeMars asked if inmate Longshore would be transferred to WCC. Chief Haugen believes he will be, but waiting for the investigation to wind down.

Judge Sheldon asked if staff has looked into placing long-term inmates in another facility. Chief Haugen stated the cost is an issue. They are in the process of reviewing the sentences and will survey other facilities to see if they will take inmates and the criteria.

Sheriff Salisbury stated there is a lot of concern with the jail medical cost. They are gathering data to go to the legislature for relief.

Chief Haugen pointed out the DSU is not cost effective to operate and it needs to be redesigned. Staff has applied for a grant for portable cells, two 2-man soundproof holding cells, and a 10-man holding cell. They have not heard on the grant. The upstairs is used for a trustee dorm. He estimates the cost to redesign the DSU is about \$100,000. They have a permit for an office area. He will get an updated price quote on the portable cells. Chief Haugen noted the infrastructure is there.

Cmmr. Bloomfield expressed interest in pursuing the remodel for the DSU.

Indigent Defense Administrator

Judge Sheldon introduced Susan Sergiojan who has been recently hired as the Indigent Defense Administrator and is working under the County Commissioners.

Department of Correction's County of Origin Notification Form

Laura Cole reported on the DOC release report. Larry Loomis – living on SR3 on church property, classified as low risk. Kelly Gano – long criminal history, living with his dad in Mason Lake estate area.

Swift and Certain Program

Laura then talked about the new DOC program - Swift and Certain. Staff will have training in July and will then implement the new program. This involves arresting for violations to serve a short jail term (1 to 3 days). DOC will be contracting for beds with the Mason County Jail.

Judge Sheldon asked about the impact to the jail. Chief Haugen stated Mason County has the right for first refusal if the jail is full. They can place the offender on the floor. The fee is \$85 a day.

Laura will report back on the program once it's implemented.

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Summer Schedule

Harris brought up the meeting calendar and asked if the group wants to take a summer month off. Laura suggested August. CJWT agreed to not meet in August.

Agency/Department Updates

Cmmr. Bloomfield – concerned with jail capacity.

WCC - Steve DeMars –paving construction job going on. Having issues with lack of cameras.

Citizen - Denny Temple – suggested WCC sidewalks also be fixed. Asked about the Clerk using a collection agency. Cmmr. Bloomfield said Pat Swartos briefed the Commissioners on Monday and will start using a collection agency. Judge Finlay noted that the Clerk's office will also implement the use of credit cards.

City of Shelton - Chief Eklund – homicide investigation has taken a lot of staff time so the other cases are falling behind. They have an officer graduating from the academy.

Superior Court - Judge Finlay – homicides will impact court system. They are looking at a new jury management system.

Superior Court - Judge Sheldon – new recording equipment is being installed in the courts and commission chambers. The new jury management system will combine the District and Superior Court jury pools so it should improve the jury system. They have a Drug Court graduate on July 2.

Indigent Defense - Susan Sergiojan – has contracted with six contract attorneys.

Risk Management – Dawn Twiddy – continues to work on claims management to keep losses down.

Sheriff - Undersheriff Barrett – noted the Sheriff's office spent \$16,000 on one homicide on assistance to the city. This contributes to a delay in handling other calls. Summer means the busy season is starting and the population spikes. He encouraged everyone to work together because it becomes a risk management issue.

Sheriff Salisbury - staff is serving papers but they get behind due to other cases.

Judge Sheldon brought up the issue of having subpoenas served several times. She asked if the Sheriff can have a discussion with the Prosecuting Attorney about their time frame. Maybe they could also schedule court time more efficiently.

Judge Finlay asked if protection orders are served timely. Sheriff Salisbury stated they go to the deputies.

There was a discussion of modifying the process so it is more efficient.

Undersheriff Barrett suggested having the civil processor and Chief Alvord research the process, meet with the appropriate parties and report back at next month's CJWT meeting.

Probation - Harris Haertel – have two block grant applications - one for \$9,000 for JABG and one for \$30,000 for JDAI.

WCC - Steve DeMars – suggested the CJWT meet at WCC after August. He noted that Grays Harbor County hired a Thurston County retired detective to implement their courthouse security.

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Sheriff Salisbury pointed out that Grays Harbor used Mason County's policy and procedures as their model.

Judge Sheldon brought up the service of warrants. Undersheriff Barrett doesn't feel the alternatives to sentencing program is used to the full capacity. Chief Haugen noted he has a couple of projects, one at the Public Works facility and another at the Belfair Sewer facility but doesn't have anyone in the program. It's a program for non-violent offenders, who are not in custody but come from home in the morning, then they are taken to the project. Chief Haugen stated no one has been assigned for two years. He also has a litter crew that are trustees. Chief Haugen will get the program criteria to Susan Sergiojan. Undersheriff Barrett also noted there is the electronic home monitoring program.

Undersheriff Barrett asked Steve DeMars to look at scheduling a joint exercise for an escape response plan. This hasn't been done for some time.

Future Agenda Topics

The following items were brought up as future agenda topics:

DOC program - Swift & Certain

MCSO - Traffic & Non Violent Offender Program (criteria, capacity and referral process)

MCSO - Civil Process Service for Court Matters

WA State Institute of Public Policy Evidence Based Programming

Service of Warrants

Meet at WCC

2013 Chair

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 18th.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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