

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
July 18, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Haertel called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

The June 20, 2012 minutes were accepted as published.

Jail Population Report

Chief Tom Haugen reported that for June the average daily population is 99; slightly under the cap of 104; 17 female, 82 male with 61 being felons. Right now they have 112 inmates in the jail.

There was discussion of the community service program.

Department of Correction's County of Origin Notification Form

Shawn Johnson – no report available.

Non Violent Offender/DUI Program (criteria, capacity and referral process) - MCSO

Undersheriff Barrett stated the Non Violent Offender/DUI Program is underutilized and with the jail population being higher in the summer months, he encouraged the judges to use the alternative program. They are in the process of hiring jail staff.

Chief Haugen noted there is criteria to be eligible. They cannot be violent offenders or if they have a history of not following the rules. There was a discussion of how people are referred to the program and the process to follow.

The City of Shelton has their own community service program.

There was discussion of the DUI alternative class that is held monthly and seems to be very effective.

Mayor Cronce talked about homeless youth and the importance of addressing the situation early.

Civil Process Service for Court Matters - MCSO

Undersheriff Barrett reported they are researching on how to handle the continuation notices and if a phone call or email is sufficient. They handle the other notices as efficiently as possible.

Agency/Department Updates

Sheriff's Office – Undersheriff Barrett talked about the issue of what to do with marijuana when a person is being booked into the jail if the person has a medical marijuana card. Concern with introducing contraband into the jail; state patrol has a policy of not confiscating marijuana if they have a medical card. This is a problem for staff. The county's policy is to place the marijuana into evidence and will not be released back to the person. Also brought up a potential employee issue – what if a spouse has medically prescribed marijuana, policy is that employees cannot associate with drug users.

Mayor Cronce suggested the offender sign a waiver. Undersheriff Barrett stated that doesn't address the delivery of a controlled substance.

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State Patrol - Sgt. Conley – discussed process. Agreed medical marijuana is a problem. Have cases where they have court order to return the medical marijuana. As long as federal and state law conflict, there is a problem.

Undersheriff Barrett is concerned with lawsuit potential.

Risk Manager Dawn Twiddy will bring up the issue at the Risk Pool conference.

Municipal Court – Shelby Conklin stated the video arraignment equipment is being installed at the end of the month.

City of Shelton – Mayor Cronic understands the medical marijuana is a big issue in cities around the state. Positive note on the homeless, the police are patrolling parks more frequently and the homeless will be arrested if involved in illegal activity. This has reduced the illegal activity down town for now.

Probation – Mike Dunn – talked about JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Plan.) Shared goals – fund position of assistant probation officer, reduce warrants, supervising youth that are on detention alternatives such as home monitoring and make sure they are in compliance with court orders, supervise work crews and serve as a mentor for the youth. Would like to do a detention self inspection which would have a group come in and inspect the juvenile facility to see what could be improved. He noted this is a modular facility that was installed in 1998 and has limitations.

Emergency Management – Marty Best – ballistic resistant window film will be installed in the Sheriff's office and Commissioners' office. This is federally funded.

Risk Pool – Dawn Twiddy – continues to work on lawsuits.

Commissioners – Cmmr. Bloomfield – sales tax continues to be low, hope to have same revenues in 2013 so hope to sustain current services. Frustrated with medical marijuana issues.

Future Agenda Topics

The following items were brought up as future agenda topics:

Harris Haertel reminded the group there is no meeting in August. In September the WA State Institute of Public Policy will be an agenda item. Possibly meeting at WCC in October and identify the 2013 chair.

Next Meeting

There will be no August CJWT meeting and the next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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