

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
April 16, 2014
MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

The March 19, 2014 minutes were accepted as published.

Jail Population Report

Chief Haugen reported the average daily population (ADP) for the jail in March was 123 with 27 females, 96 males. To date for April the ADP is 131 with 29 females, 101 males. This is 27 over the cap. They have four staff positions open, two officers in training, one person off on medical and another going on maternity leave. They are actively advertising, especially for female correction officers.

Department of Correction's County of Origin Notification Form

Jim Madsen reported on Dominick Atkins who is living at 220 East North Lake Drive in Shelton. The notification process was discussed.

Update on Citizen's Task Force on Public Safety and Criminal Justice. – Cmmr. Jeffreys

Cmmr. Jeffreys reported the Commissioners appointed the following members to the Task Force: Irene Goldsby, Jamie Bariekman, Herb Baze, Patrick Utle, Gary Burleson, Geri Burt, Jim Sawyer and Kelly McIntosh. There is still one at-large position and one Commissioner pick position open. She would like to establish a meeting schedule for the Task Force and will need data from the criminal justice offices and people to present information to the Task Force.

The following contact information was provided from the criminal justice offices:

Sheriff: for data - Undersheriff; to present info - Sheriff, Undersheriff or Chiefs

Probation: Jim Madsen

Superior Court: for data - Robyn; to present info – Judges Finlay and Sheldon

DOC: Laura Cole

Prosecutor: for data – Darci; to present info - Mike Dorcy

WSP – Larry Conley or Dennis Bosman

Skokomish Tribe – Chief Vukich

Municipal Court – Judge Steele or Shelby Conklin

Public Defense – Susan Sergiojan

The CJWT will be included in the meeting notices.

Update on Mental Health Case Management Contracts

Vicki Kirkpatrick introduced Dennis Neal from Northwest Resources who has two contracts; case management for the incarcerated population and the at-risk and vulnerable population, and Adrian Magnuson-Whyte who has the contract for veterans.

Dennis Neal, NW Resources, reported that he has three staff and they are seeing 20 people. They purchased the former PUD #3 engineering building and park. He refers the clients to services, not all are ready for treatment. Some are in treatment or using the mental health services in BHR. They are signing them up for health care. The goal is to achieve self sufficiency. They would like to offer services in the jail and also want to work in Belfair. They have eight signed up for mentor training.

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Ms. Kirkpatrick stated they have a meeting next week with jail staff, the mental health professional in the jail and the contractor. She explained the "bridge to self-sufficiency".

Dennis explained how the mentor program works.

Adrian Magnuson-Whyte stated he started his program on March 3. He can have up to 45 active cases with various needs; currently has 16 active cases, has six referrals and is also working in Belfair. Tom Davis is working the mentoring program.

Harris Haertel stated they are seeing potential for the positive impact to Mason County. The referrals can be made without waiting for the court system to be involved.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated there is probability of seeing a veterans court added to the problem solving court system.

Mayor Cronce expressed appreciation for the work being done. He noted the City has a Poverty Task Force and believes mentorship is important.

Mr. Neal explained the importance of permanent supportive housing, such as Oxford Housing in Thurston County, for the homeless population which increases the recovery rates.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated they have been contacted by the regional Oxford House organization and they are interested in placing an Oxford House in Mason County and the 2163 money can be used for this. Housing is fundamental to long-term success.

Cmmr. Jeffreys is interested in recidivism data for Mason County.

Agency/Department Updates

Superior Court – Judge Finlay reported a 3rd Superior Court Judge has been approved by the legislature. They need an additional courtroom with a jury selection area during July due to the Longshore trial that is scheduled in July.

Undersheriff Barrett stated they are considering reducing the jail population cap due to low staffing. Electronic home monitoring (EHM) is an option that the jail would pay for. Chief Haugen has one inmate on EHM now.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren
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