

**Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force
Legal & Justice System Committee Meeting**

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on June 12, 2018

Whatcom County Courthouse Conference Room 514, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham WA

AGENDA

Topic	Requested Action	Packet Page(s)
1. Call to Order • Review May 8, 2018 Meeting Summary	Review & amend as necessary	1 - 3
2. Update on Update from Karen Burke on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Service (DVSAS) and domestic violence treatment services 11:35 - 12:00	Endorse program development & funding	4
3. Identify the ideal data needs of the committee for the INDEX Committee 12 - 1:10 p.m.	Review, amend, finalize	5 - 6
4. Report on what other jurisdictions are doing 12:45 p.m.	Bruce Van Glubt	7 - 16
5. Update on Pretrial Processes Workgroup 1:05 p.m.	Deborra Garrett	N/A
6. Other Business		1:10 p.m.
7. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information • Next meeting topics • Schedule meeting at Lummi Administration Building		1:15 p.m.
8. Public Comment		1:20 p.m.
9. Adjourn		1:30 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

IPR TASK FORCE various Mondays 9-11 a.m. Courthouse Conf. Rm 513/514 311 Grand Ave., Bellingham	COMMITTEES			
	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH various Mondays 2:30-3:30 (except where noted) Health Department Creekside Conf. Room 509 Girard, B'ham	LEGAL & JUSTICE SYS. 2 nd Tuesday 11:30 am-1:30 pm Courthouse Conf. Rm 514 311 Grand Ave., Bham	TRIAGE FACILITY 3 rd Thursday 9:30-11:00 a.m. Health Dept. MOVED TO Courthouse 5 th Floor 513 or 514, 311 Grand Avenue, B'ham	STEERING As needed Courthouse County Council Conference Room Courthouse Suite 105 311 Grand Ave., Bham
June 11	June 11	June 12	June 21 in Room 514	September 6: 9:30 a.m.
July 16	July 16	July 10	July 19 in Room 513	
August 6	August 6	(no august)	August 9 * in Room 513	
September 17	September 17	September 11	September 20: location TBD	
October 15	October 15	October 9	October 18 in Room 514	
November 26	November 26	November 13	November 15 in Room 513	
December 17	December 17	December 11	December 20 in Room 514	

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1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Stephen Gockley called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. in the Whatcom County Courthouse Conference Room 514, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

Members Present: Angela Anderson, Jill Bernstein, Bill Elfo, Deborra Garrett, Stephen Gockley, Deborah Hawley, Raylene King, Moonwater, Darlene Peterson, Peter Ruffatto

Also Present: Kathy Walker (proxy for Dave McEachran), Heather Flaherty (proxy for Lisa McShane)

Members Absent: Deborah Hawley, Dave McEachran, Lisa McShane

Review March 13, 2018 Meeting Summary

There were no changes

2. Annual Report

Mark Gardner, City of Bellingham Legislative Policy Analyst, and the committee members discussed the annual report, including:

- The audiences are the County Council and public
- Make the report content and format as easy to read as possible
- Include information about book-and-release efforts of other jurisdictions besides the County
- Reframe the section on barriers and challenges to include opportunities
- Include next steps and additional context of how they plan to move forward
- How to include the Committee's work plan in the annual report
- The process for the Committee's review, making amendments, and approval of the Committee's section of the annual report
- Several changes to the section on the proposed pretrial processes risk assessment and program
- How much cost detail should be in the report for pretrial services

The Committee also discussed:

- The status of the book-and-release program
- Real-time response capabilities of GPS electronic monitoring hardware
- How monitoring tools can be used differently by different jurisdictions
- The possibility of assigning GPS monitoring to certain pretrial defendants
- Prosecutorial discretion and best practices for drug court

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The committee members can email proposed updates to Stephen Gockley by end-of-day on Friday, May 11.

5. Update on Pretrial Processes Workgroup

Garrett described and the Committee discussed two upcoming grant opportunities:

1. MacArthur Foundation Grant, which may not work for pretrial services, but could be an option for another program (*handout on file*)
2. Arnold Foundation's upcoming expansion of its risk assessment program, which could be an option for Whatcom County's pretrial services unit for Superior Court.

Garrett also updated the Committee on the status of the Pretrial Processes Workgroup:

- The workgroup, and Dave Reynolds especially, is working to provide Dr. van Wormer statistics she needs to help identify a potential consultant for the County

The Committee discussed the grant opportunities and the timeline for submitting an 2018 budget supplemental request to hire a project manager to begin building the pretrial services program.

3. Draft Priorities and Work Plan

This item was not discussed.

4. Identify the ideal data needs of the committee for the INDEX Committee

Committee members described various data on which they would like more information:

- The number of Assault 3 cases happening in the hospital emergency department
- Make sure law enforcement can use the system effectively
- Average length of stay in the jail
- How long it takes to process a case through the system
- Collect data from the courts of limited jurisdiction, including tribal court
- Track the amount of work being done currently to divert misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor offenders from arrest and booking into jail to determine whether diversion efforts are improving
- Track the success of the various diversion and release programs, such as electronic home monitoring, drug court, and others
- Provide the INDEX Committee the comments from the Sheriff and District Court regarding the Vera Institute final report
- Establish baseline data

(Due to audio recorder malfunction, the remainder of the meeting, 1:10 p.m. to adjourn, was not recorded.)

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The Committee agreed to schedule this item for discussion during the majority of the June committee meeting.

6. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

This item was not discussed.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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Program Title: Whatcom County Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Program

Background: Between 10% and 16% of all criminal justice interventions in Whatcom County are domestic violence related. Offenders who are prosecuted are routinely ordered to domestic violence offender treatment. However, options for professional, certified treatment are severely limited. And, the one provider who consistently offers programming is seeking to scale back and retire in the foreseeable future.

To address this problem, DVSAS has partnered with researchers at WWU to convene a Steering Committee to research and develop a cutting edge, outcome driven treatment program that will measurably reduce repeat domestic violence crimes.

Program Description: Whatcom County's Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Program will be overseen by a Steering Committee comprised of a wide range of professionals who interact with domestic violence offenders and victims. The program will be scaled to serve 100-150 individuals and will be based on the most up-to date research and promising practices. The program will comply with the Washington State Administrative Code and be researched with outcomes validated by WWU. Participants costs will be offered on a sliding scale to \$0.

Goals and Objectives: The goal of the program is to stop domestic violence offenders from perpetrating future acts of domestic violence, thereby increasing victim and community safety and decreasing the negative impacts on society. Measurable outcomes include: increased health and safety of victims, a reduction in domestic violence-related jail bookings, decreased overall criminal recidivism, decrease in law enforcement contacts, and an increase in positive social behaviors.

Yearly Budget

Expenses

Salaries/benefits for 3 staff	
Program Director/ Provider	\$85,000
1FTE Treatment Provider	70,000
1 FTE Assistant Provider/ Advocate	55,000
Travel/Meetings	2,000
Equipment	8,000
Supplies	4,000
Facility	15,000
Professional Fees	5,000
Other	1,000
Indirect expenses 15%	36,750
Total Expenses	\$281,750

Income

Participant Fees (\$300 X100)	\$30,000
CPS Contract	30,000
Total Income	60,000

Request **\$221,750**

DATA OUTCOMES, TRENDS, AND ISSUES: Legal and Justice Systems Committee:

Outcomes to Measure: The INDEX Committee will create a data collection system that will:		
	1	If possible, recommend data collection systems and processes that will allow multi-jurisdictional court dates for people with concurrent warrants in more than one jurisdiction.
	2	Recommend data collection systems and processes that will enhance data sharing amongst jurisdictions and agencies as much as possible. The systems of all jurisdictions must communicate. Provides access for each jurisdiction to easily access data from other jurisdictions
	3	Create baseline information
	4	The IPRTF and all jurisdictions will have accurate and consistent definitions of...
Trends to Track: The INDEX Committee will create a data collection system that tracks the following:		
	1	The number of people have concurrent warrants in multiple jurisdictions
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
	6	
1-3 Metrics to measure from each Annual Report topic:		
Pretrial	1	Reduce the 60 percent of jail inmates that are held pretrial
	2	Minimize failures to appear (FTAs)
	3	

Interoperability Issues:		
Miscellaneous data points (see below):		

From Committee on February 13:

Suggestions regarding specific **data points** to collect:

- Collect and distinguish between booking, court, and jail information/data
- How many people have concurrent warrants in multiple jurisdictions?
 - Does this person have active warrants from another jurisdiction?
 - If Yes, which jurisdictions?
- How many warrants are for someone who also has active warrants in another jurisdiction
 - Does this person listed in this warrant have active warrants in another jurisdiction? Booked offense(s) (*felony*)
- Final charge(s) (from the Prosecutor) (*felony*)
- Booked citation charge(s) (gross misdemeanor)
- Bond amount by prosecutorial charge
- Does the defendant have a history with one of the special courts?
- Recidivism: how long after jail or court release until the person was booked on a new crime?

Suggestions regarding data **collection system**:

- The ability to collect, sort, and report data by person
- The ability to collect, sort, and report data by warrant
- The ability to collect, sort, and report data by booked offense and final charge (*felony*) and by booked citation charge (gross misdemeanor)
- The ability to run a report on the number of people booked (probable cause) under each booked offense
- The ability to run a report on the number of people charged (prosecutorial) under each final charge

Suggestions regarding **data interpretation and processes**:

- Consider a combined multi-jurisdictional court dates for people with concurrent warrants in more than one jurisdiction.
- Enhanced data sharing: The systems of all jurisdictions must communicate. Provide access for each jurisdiction to easily access data from other jurisdictions.
- Create baseline information and benchmarks that can be monitored to track success of programs and processes.
- Distinguish between the data points/categories and the algorithms of the report to produce correct interpretations of the data
- Create accurate and consistent definitions
- People entering data need to be adequately trained to enter consistent information correctly
- Algorithms must be accurate
- Take advantage of new technology for efficiency in data entering and reporting.

Pretrial Services in Washington State Selected Jurisdictions

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June 5, 2018

DRAFT UPDATED 6/5/18 to include section 3, information regarding the Virginia Risk Assessment.

Section 1 Summary Table

Program	Contact Information	Courts Served	Staff	Caseloads
Clark Co. District Court Probation	Bernita Brumbaugh, Program Manager, (360) 397-2424 Bernita.Brumbaugh@clark.wa.gov	Clark Co. Superior, District and Vancouver, Camas, Washougal, and Battleground Municipal Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Program Mgr. • 5 Supervised Release Officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 200/per officer
Pierce Co. District Court Probation	Dominique Hardman, District Court Probation Services Manager, (253) 798-7595, option 1, x5826, dhardem@co.pierce.wa.us	Pierce Co. District Court	PT services have been reintegrated into the general probation officer caseloads.	Approx. 125-150 cases total prior to reintegration
Pierce Co. Superior Court Pretrial Program	Andrea Kelly, Superior Court Pretrial Program Manager, 253-798-8631, Akelley@co.pierce.wa.us	Pierce Co. Superior Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 PT Mgr. • 4 permanent pretrial officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230-250 defendants monitored • 3 PT officers go to jail and interview defendants and process risk assessments • 1 PT officer remains in the office. There are no assigned caseloads as everyone covers defendant appointments.
Puyallup Probation Department	Deena Kaelin, Probation Officer, 253-770-3347, Deena@ci.puyallup.wa.us	Puyallup Municipal Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Probation Officer • 1 Support Staff 	Unknown
Spokane Co. Pretrial Services	Cheryl Tofsrud, Pretrial Services Department Manager, 509-477-3965, ctofsrud@spokanecounty.org	Spokane Co. Superior, District, and Spokane Municipal Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 PT Manager • 10 PT Officers • Work is fluid between RA 	Per month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,100 first appearance evals • 1,200 public defender

			and monitoring • 2 Support Staff	applications • PT monitoring caseload of 500+ • 8 PT Officers each monitor approx. 80 cases • 85 felony diversion cases.
Thurston Co. Pretrial Services	Marianne Clear, Director, 360-867-2999, Marianne.clear@co.thurston.wa.us	Thurston Co. Superior Court. Information is being gathered to determine if providing PT services to the District Court is feasible.	• 1 Director • 4 Pretrial Services Officers	• 260-280 risk assessments completed per month average in 2017. • 2 supervision officers. ○ 1 with 289 defendants ○ 1 with 183 defendants • 2 officers in the jail primarily completing risk assessments
Whatcom County District Court Probation	Bruce Van Glubt, Administrator 360-778-5405 bvanclub@co.whatcom.wa.us Peggy Miller, Probation Manager 360-778-5455 pmiller@co.whatcom.wa.us	Whatcom Co. District Court and Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Lynden and Sumas Municipal Courts	• .5 Administrator • 1 Probation Manager • 1 Lead Probation Officer • 8.5 Probation Officers • 3 Support Staff	• Approx. 200-250 pretrial cases monitored. • Cases are distributed throughout the probation officer staff. • Approx. 103 ASRA pretrial risk assessments are completed monthly for District Court. • Approx. 45 prerelease assessments are completed monthly for Bellingham Court
Yakima County Pretrial Services	Jennifer Wilcox, Administrative Supervisor, 509-574-1872, jennifew@co.yakima.wa.us	Yakima Co. Superior and District Courts	1 Administrative Supervisor 1 Pretrial Officer 1 Support Staff	430 total defendants. The supervisor has a caseload of approx. 190 and the pretrial officer has a caseload of approx. 240.

Section 2
Program Descriptions

Clark County

Risk Assessment

Clark County uses the Virginia risk assessment with additional information gathered. A personal interview with the defendant is necessary. The interview portion takes about 10 minutes. This unit also screens for public defender eligibility.

Reporting Requirements

Defendants must report the same day or the next business day after release. Reporting requirements are the same for all three risk levels. For most defendants, the only in person interview is the initial intake which can take between 10-30 minutes. Defendants check in once a week primarily through a finger scan type kiosk system. There are five kiosks located in Clark County and they are located at the county courthouse, the Camas courthouse, the work crew center, the Department of Corrections office, and one is located at the public health building. Out of area defendants are allowed to check in by phone.

Monitoring Activities

- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks are conducted only as part of the initial risk assessment. No additional record checks are conducted. The quick turnover of cases was noted as the reason for no additional record checks.
- Record checks include only JABS.
- Suggestions are made for local resources.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

None. All reminders are completed during appointments.

Administrative Structure

The pretrial unit is part of District Court Probation and monitors both Superior Court and District Court pretrial cases. District Court Probation has monitored District and Superior Court pretrial cases for at least 27 years. "This is all anyone has ever known." Probation Officers from the pretrial unit and the probation department all work under the same job title and pay classification. Probation officers are trained to provide coverage to the pretrial unit during times of unexpected and planned absences. A defendant may report to both a pretrial officer and a Probation Officer. Cases are not comingled and conditions are kept separate. Appointments are not necessarily coordinated, but most ongoing pretrial contact is by kiosk.

Pierce County District Court

Risk Assessment

No risk assessment is completed at any time on pretrial cases.

Reporting Requirements

- Defendants must report within one working day of release.
- Defendants all report twice month.
- All of the interviews with pretrial defendants are in person unless an exception is made by the court.

Monitoring Activities

- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks are conducted prior to each court hearing.
- Record checks include only JABS and local law and justice database.
- Suggestions are made for local resources.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

None. All reminders are completed during appointments.

Administrative Structure

District and Superior Courts each have separate pretrial services. District Court had a specific pretrial unit until recently when their numbers dropped. District Court pretrial cases are now distributed to all probation officers. When there was a separate pretrial unit probation officers provided coverage to the pretrial unit during times of unexpected and planned absences. Pretrial and probation appointments were coordinated when possible.

Pierce County Superior Court

Risk Assessment

Pierce County Superior Court uses a modified Kentucky risk assessment. Approximately 20-30 screenings are conducted each day, with some charges excluded such as sex crimes. A personal interview with the defendant is necessary. The risk tool has 13 questions and scores risk factors such as the defendant having a working phone, pending cases in addition to those being considered for pretrial release, employment history during the last 12 months, FTA history, and misdemeanor and felony convictions, and other risk factors. Some collateral contact verification is required, mostly residential verification. Record checks are conducted and include JABS and NCIC. Completion of the risk assessment will result in one of five risk levels, including low, moderate, high, elevated high, and detain. There is some staff recommendation discretion allowed.

Reporting Requirements

- Defendants must report within one working day of release.
- Reporting requirements are based on the outcome of the risk assessment as well as the nature of the current charge.

- Pretrial unit staff makes reporting recommendations at the time that the risk assessment results are presented in court.
- Reporting requirements are in person and vary from once a week to once a month.
- Reporting by phone is allowed for out of state defendants and as approved by the court.

Monitoring Activities

- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks are conducted prior to each court hearing.
- Record checks include only JABS.
- Suggestions are made for local resources.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

Text messages or phone call reminders are made for both court hearings and appointments.

Administrative Structure

District and Superiors have separate pretrial services.

Puyallup Municipal Court

Risk Assessment

The Puyallup probation department uses the Wisconsin risk assessment. The three risk levels are low, medium and high. There are frequent overrides.

Reporting Requirements

The defendant is required to report in person either once a week or every other week. The frequency of reporting is based on specific direction given by the judge, risk level, and if there is substance testing requirements. Less frequent reporting is required if the defendant is on a SCRAM device.

Monitoring Activities

- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks are conducted for each appointment and court hearing.
- Record checks include only JABS, unless there is reason to believe there has been out of state criminal activity.
- Suggestions are made for local resources.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

None. All reminders are completed during appointments.

Administrative Structure

The Puyallup Probation Department is in the judicial branch.

Spokane County

Funding

The MacArthur Foundation has provided a financial grant for increased staff, the ability to provide pretrial services region wide, and for the implementation of a risk assessment tool. The goal of the grant is to reduce the jail population.

Risk Assessment

Spokane has in the past used the Adult Static Risk Assessment (ASRA) and is currently using one called SAFER Lite. Thirteen risk factors are considered and it is a shorter version of the full SAFER risk assessment. The risk assessment is built upon research from the DOC StrongR. The risk assessment is one of a number of pieces of information considered a recommendation is made to the court regarding a release decision. Other information considered includes the results of an interview with the defendant, current residence, family ties, employment, complete criminal history (JIS/JABS, NCIC and Idaho records), history of substance use, mental health history, and veteran status. Some information is verified by calling references and collateral contacts. One of following three possible recommendations is made to the court: release on PR, monitored release, and no release (bail/bond only).

Reporting Requirements

- Defendants must report within one working day of release.
- Defendants are required to call in weekly and speak with a pretrial officer. If the officer is unavailable a voice message can be left which fulfills the reporting requirement.

Monitoring Activities

- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks are conducted twice a month.
- Collateral contact is made once a month.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

Defendants receive a phone call reminder within three days preceding their court date. This system is not currently automated but an automated system is being considered for the future through the Public Defender's Office. Individual courts may have their own phone call reminder programs. If the defendant FTAs a pretrial officer will conduct a follow up phone call and encourage the defendant to contact their legal counsel and/or pursue a bench warrant recall through appropriate channels.

Administrative Structure

The Office of Pretrial Services is under the executive branch of county government under the Board of County Commissioners. The department manager reports to the county chief operations officer.

Thurston County

Risk Assessment

Thurston County uses the ASRA. The Director is working with AOC and the Urban Institute to explore the options for a new risk assessment. In addition to the ASRA, interviews with the defendants are completed and include topics such as employment status, housing, and if there are children that may be dependent on the defendant. Collateral contacts completed “often” particularly if the charge is a sex, domestic violence, animal or violent offense. Collateral contracts are prioritized to those mentioned cases.

Reporting Requirements

The defendant is required to report within one day upon release from jail. The Director and governing board are exploring the possibility of extending the report time to three days upon release from jail. Intake interviews are required and take approximately 10-15 minutes. Regular reporting appointments take approximately 5-10 minutes. Some of the defendants report by phone and some report in person. In person vs. phone reporting can depend on if they have a history of FTAs and other factors. Most defendants report on weekly.

Monitoring Activities

- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks are conducted at least monthly and include only JABS. An NCIC record check is completed if there is reason to believe there may be out of state criminal activity.
- UAs are conducted when court ordered.
- Local bus are provided.
- Suggestions are made for local resources.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

None.

Administrative Structure

The department is housed in the executive branch and works under a governing board made up of 7 department heads within Thurston County.

The Director reports that an incarceration level has gone down but the pretrial release caseload has increased.

Whatcom County

Risk Assessment

Whatcom County District Court Probation completes the ASRA for all District Court in custody defendants with a scheduled hearing where a release decision may be made. In addition, a pretrial release assessment is completed daily for each new in custody Bellingham Municipal Court defendant.

Reporting Requirements

Defendants must report the same day or the next business day after release from jail. A Probation Officer meets with each defendant immediately upon their arrival in the office when reporting from jail to identify expectations and compliance requirements. Reporting requirements are based on the risk assessment. High risk defendants report a minimum of once a weekly. Moderate risk defendants report a minimum of once every two weeks. Low risk defendants report a minimum of once a month. Reporting is in person unless a judicial officer has approved an alternative type of reporting. Breath/UA tests are required weekly for those defendants who have been court ordered to submit to testing and who are not on an electronic monitoring device.

Monitoring Activities

- For all defendants:
 - Record checks are conducted for each reporting appointment.
 - Record checks are conducted prior to each court hearing.
 - A text and phone call reminder are sent the working day before each appointment.
- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance requirements.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks include JABS and NCIC for DV assault cases.
- Substance testing is completed when court ordered.
- Other monitoring activities as ordered by the court such as collection of license plates, clubbing of cars, compliance with electronic monitoring devices, monitoring of Antabuse, and referrals to mental health resources.
- Suggestions are made for local resources.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

Text and phone message reminders are made for both appointments and probation involved court hearings.

Administrative Structure

District Court Probation is in the judicial branch and is under the supervision of the District Court Judges.

Yakima County

Risk Assessment

Yakima County uses the Arnold Foundation risk assessment. One of the benefits of the risk assessment is that it is entirely static. If dynamic factors were to be added it would impact workload and staffing levels.

Reporting Requirements

- Defendants must report within one working day of release.
- Yakima has reporting requirements based on four levels of risk, level 0, level 1, level 2, and level 3.
 - Risk level 0 reports for a one time over the phone intake appointment.
 - Risk level 1 reports once a week using an automated phone check in system
 - Risk level 2 reports once a month in person and once a week using an automated phone check in system.
 - Risk level 3 reports twice a month in person and once a week using an automated phone check in system. The supervision level is “bumped up” one level for domestic violence cases as well as other select criteria.
- In person reporting is required unless an exception is made by the court.

*The weekly automated check in system for risk levels 1, 2, and 3 requires the defendant to answer yes or no questions. Some answers will create an alert to the pretrial unit who will then contact the defendant. An example of answers that will create an alert include if the answer is yes to a new address or arrest, or if no response is entered for any question.

Monitoring Activities

- For all defendants:
 - Record checks are conducted prior to each court hearing.
 - A text message reminder is sent to those defendants with cell phones.
- Defendants without a phone report weekly.
- The court order is reviewed with the defendant to identify expectations and compliance.
- The defendant is reminded of upcoming court hearings.
- Record checks include JABS and NCIC.
- Suggestions are made for local resources.

Court/Appointment Reminder Notifications

Text message reminders are made for both court hearings and appointments. Phone call reminders are made for court hearings only.

Administrative Structure

The pretrial unit is under the District Court and serves both District and Superior Courts. The pretrial unit office is separate from the probation department and has its own lobby, office equipment, and etc. Although the pretrial unit is separate from the probation department, probation officers are trained to provide coverage to the pretrial unit during times of unexpected and planned absences. Pretrial and probation appointments are coordinated when possible.

**The weekly automated check in system for risk levels 1, 2, and 3 requires the defendant to answer yes or no questions. Some answers will create an alert to the pretrial unit who will then contact the*

defendant. An example of answers that will create an alert include if the answer is yes to a new address or arrest, or if no response is entered.

Section 3 Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment

Clark County Information

Bernita Brumbaugh, Program Manager, (360) 397-2424 Bernita.Brumbaugh@clark.wa.gov.

1. Paper or electronic? Paper.
2. Training? Clark County used the online training materials. One of their staff took training on as an project. Their in-house training was based on the online training documents. It is unknown if there is formal training offered.
3. Costs? Free.
4. How long has Clark County used the Virginia? 5 years more or less.
5. Stats/recidivism? No formal studies.
6. Locally validated? No.
7. Questions asked? The Virginia questions are embedded into information that is gathered. There are additional questions beyond what is on the Virginia tool.
8. What does the tool look like? They will send a copy.

Links to information about the Virginia Risk Assessment

1. This webpage provides links to the VPRAI manual and the VA Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument Training.
<https://nicic.gov/virginia-pretrial-risk-assessment-instrument-vprai>
2. This link is to a 2016 Power Point presentation titled Risk-Informed Pretrial Decision Making in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
<https://nccalj.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Commission-Presentation-1.pdf>
3. This link is to document that appears to review the original Virginia Risk Assessment validation.
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/sites/dcjs.virginia.gov/files/publications/corrections/virginia-pretrial-risk-assessment-report.pdf>