

Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force

March 07, 2016

Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham

9:00 – 11:00am

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Purpose	Responsible	Attachment
9:00 5 Minutes	1. Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Review February 01, 2016 and February 16, 2016 Meeting Summaries		Co-Chairs	02/01/2016 Summary 02/16/2016 Summary
	2. Review Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule	Decision	Co-Chairs	2016 Schedule
	3. Updates from Ad Hoc Committees	Discussion	Ad Hoc Chairs	
	4. Steering Committee	Decision	Ken Mann	
	5. Council Feedback on Phase One Report	Discussion	Ken Mann	
	6. Presentation by Wendy Jones and Jeff Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data collected on inmates• Q & A	Information Discussion	Wendy Jones Jeff Parks Dean Wight	
	7. Public Comment			
11:00	8. Adjourn			

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Meeting Summary, February 01, 2016

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311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham WA

Attendance

Present	Representing
Anderson, Angela	Whatcom County Public Defender
Bernstein, Jill, Co-Chair	Citizen Representative
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Elfo, Bill	Whatcom County Sheriff
Finkbonner, Julie	Lummi Nation
Foster, Vince (proxy for Chris Phillips)	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Gockley, Stephen	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Gribbin, Susan	Consumer
Heinrich, Brian (proxy for Kelli Linville)	City of Bellingham
Heydrich, Alfred	Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner
Hovenier, Jack, Co-Chair	Consumer Representative
Huffman, Matt	Ferndale PD
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Lilliquist, Michael (proxy for Daniel Hammill)	City of Bellingham, City Council
Manering, Byron	Brigid Collins
Mann, Ken	Whatcom County Council Member
McEachran, David	Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney
Moonwater	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
Morgan, Irene	Restorative Community Coalition
Peterson, Darlene	Bellingham Municipal Court
Polidan, Randy	Unity Care NW
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive's Office
Winter, Greg	Opportunity Council
Alternates Present	
Garrett, Deborra (alternate)	Whatcom County Superior Court Judge
Lewis, Nickolaus	Lummi Nation
Parks, Jeff	Whatcom County Sheriff
Ruffatto, Peter	City of Bellingham
Walker, Kathy	Whatcom County Prosecutor's Office
Absent	
Brubaker, Jeff	Bellingham Fire Department
Staff	
Wight, Dean - Lead	
Smith, Veronica	

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order

Jack Hovenier called the meeting to order and introduced Randy Polidan with Unity Care NW (FQHC representative).

Jill Bernstein reminded the group to identify who was speaking for the record. She also informed the group that meeting time will be used differently going forwards, with the majority of the work being done in the Ad Hoc Committees.

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Brian Heinrich shared the joint letter from Mayor Linville and County Executive Jack Louws with the Task Force.

Jill Bernstein shared the draft letter that she and Jack prepared for the Task Force members to sign.

A motion was made by Sheriff Elfo to amend the Task Force letter to include a more specific “ask” (as stated by Anne Deacon), the motion was seconded by Greg Winter. The motion passed unanimously, none opposed, none abstaining.

Recent Francis Place tour was lauded. Additional tour dates will be scheduled at the next meeting.

2. Review DRAFT Phase One Report

The Task Force made detailed, page-by-page edits to the Phase One Report.

Alfred Heydrich indicated that the Justice section needs further editing and a smaller work group (from the Justice Ad Hoc Committee) will gather to focus on this.

3. Task Force Decision re. Phase One Report

Ken Mann stated that he has moved the Phase One Report due date to February 23, 2016.

A motion was made by Angela Anderson and seconded by Susan Gribbin that the Phase One Report be completed and distributed to the Task Force by February 12th, with a vote (yes or no) to the Co-Chairs and the Facilitator electronically by February 16th at noon, for delivery to the Council Clerk on the same day. The motion passed unanimously, no abstentions.

4. Recommended Next Steps - deferred

5. Decision for Next Steps for Task Force – deferred

Justice Ad Hoc Meeting: February 8, 2016 9 -11am, 2014 C Street, Bellingham WA, Fireplace Room

Next Task Force Meeting: March 7, 2016 9 – 11am, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham WA Rooms 513/514

6. Public Comment

Everett Barton

7. Meeting Adjourned at 11:30am

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Attendance

Present	Representing
Bernstein, Jill, Co-Chair	Citizen Representative
Brubaker, Jeff	Emergency Medical Services
Deacon, Anne	Whatcom County Human Services
Durborow, Mary Jo (proxy for Susan Gribbin)	Consumer
Elfo, Bill	Whatcom County Sheriff
Gockley, Stephen	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Grier, Sharon (proxy for Julie Finkbonner)	Lummi Nation
Hammill, Daniel	City of Bellingham, City Council
Heydrich, Alfred	Whatcom County Superior Court Commissioner
Hovenier, Jack, Co-Chair	Consumer Representative
Knapp, Michael	Ferndale PD
Komorowski, Jon (proxy for Angela Anderson)	Whatcom County Public Defender
Linville, Kelli	City of Bellingham, Mayor
Manering, Byron	Brigid Collins
Mann, Ken	Whatcom County Council Member
McEachran, David	Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney
Moonwater	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
Morgan, Irene	Restorative Community Coalition
Polidan, Randy	Unity Care NW
Ruffatto, Peter (proxy for Darlene Peterson)	City of Bellingham
Schroeder, Tyler	Whatcom County Executive's Office
Winter, Greg	Opportunity Council
Alternates Present	
Absent	
Kruse, Betsy	North Sound Mental Health Administration
Phillips, Chris	PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Staff	
Wight, Dean - Lead	
Smith, Veronica	

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order

Jack Hovenier called the meeting to order. He recognized the proxies present. He informed the Task Force that Betsy Kruse submitted her decision re. the Phase One Report via e-mail communication. and noted that the Chairs would like to accept her vote in writing.

2. Decision Regarding DRAFT Phase One Report

.A motion was made by Randy Polidan and seconded by Jeff Brubaker to accept the Phase One Report as submitted.

Discussion ensued.

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A motion to amend was made by Dave McEachran and seconded by another Task Force member to submit an addendum to the Phase One Report that included the graphs that reflect the successes in juvenile justice and the Fastrack program. The motion to amend passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Irene Morgan wanted the following noted for the record:

- She believes there is a gap in business sector representation on the Task Force.
- She stated that there is a bureaucratic bias in the Task Force.
- she is concerned that the facilitating organization, WAHA, has a conflict of interest as it receives funds from the County for other activities.
- She noted that the WAHA website for the Task Force is missing important information.
- She also expressed concern that the upcoming needs assessment will be missing things that could be done in the prevention aspect.
- She approves the Phase One Report, with reservations.

Mayor Linville stated that she would like to include recent activities on the part of the City of Bellingham into the report if possible. She believes that this would allow us to build on future work.

Jill Bernstein suggested, in response to Mayor Linville's comments, that:

- Mayor Linville send a letter to the County Council to accompany the report
- That a section be added to the website of 'new things happening'

Jill reminded the Task Force that Update Report will be given by the Task Force to the County Council in June and November.

The motion as earlier stated by Randy Polidan and seconded by Jeff Brubaker to approve the Phase One Report was approved unanimously, no abstentions.

3. Public Comment

Joy Gilfilen commented that the Phase One Report is bureaucratically focused.

4. Adjourned at 9:20am.

Proposed meeting schedule for the Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force
(2016)

311 Grand Avenue, Rooms 513/514

March 7, 2016, 9-11am

April 4, 2016, 9-11am

May 2, 2016, 9-11am

June 6, 2016, 9-11am

July 11, 2016, 9-11am

August 1, 2016, 9-11am

September 12, 2016, 9-11am (Note: Labor Day is September 5th)

October 3, 2016, 9-11am

November 14, 2016, 9-11am (room not available on 11/07)

December 5, 2016, 9-11am