

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Behavioral Health Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for August 12, 2019

1. Call To Order

Committee Co-Chair Mike Parker called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. at the Health Department Creekside Conference Room, 509 Girard Street, Bellingham.

Members Present: Megan Ballew, Ryan King, Kelli Linville, Byron Manering, Mike Parker

Members Absent: Doug Chadwick, Dan Hammill

5. Other Business

Ballew spoke about the Lummi Tribal behavioral health services available to its members, including:

- Mental health assessments
- Outpatient therapy for mental health
- Substance use disorder (SUD) intake
- Medication assisted treatment
- Opioid treatment

Committee members discussed scheduling a formal presentation on Lummi behavioral health services at an upcoming meeting, coordination with other Lummi and non-Lummi programs, client wrap-around meetings, approximately 280 clients receiving opioid treatment, overdose and suicide crisis response, Lummi development of temporary tiny homes, crisis response to Lummi and non-Lummi people, and culturally-appropriate crisis response.

2. Review updated Sequential Intercept Model with all the changes

Committee members discussed changes to the draft sequential intercept service inventory.

- Add Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) to intercepts 0.A and 5.A
- Add City Gate supportive housing to intercept 5.A
- Add Juvenile Court behavioral health program to intercept 3.A

The committee members discussed the future plans for the sequential intercept service inventory, youth- and family-focused programs, Brigid Collins crime victim service center and the service programs available to families of perpetrators to provide family support to individuals when they're released from jail, gang prevention efforts, whether they will include programs that address poverty, and the circular nature of creating, implementing, and monitoring the success of programs.

Committee members continued to discuss how they put boundaries around all the prevention efforts going on in the community as shown in intercept 0, such as identifying programs by age range.

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The committee members concurred to put forward to the Steering Committee: For inclusion on the IPR Task Force Sequential Intercept Service Inventory, particularly at intercept 0, the outcomes and intentions of a program are to reduce incarceration or the likelihood of involvement with the criminal justice system, versus prevention from unhealthy outcomes in general. The prevention efforts they identify should be considered through the lens of incarceration rather than cataloging all community activities. The chart should be targeted to criminogenic risk factors to maximize its utility. Focus on programs and services in which research shows that the program intervention is likely to reduce the likelihood of future incarceration. If reducing the likelihood of incarceration is not one of the specific intentions of the program, it may not meet the criteria for inclusion on the list. Identify whether there is research or other evidence that proves the outcome of reduced involvement in the criminal justice system in the future. Possibly create an ancillary document to acknowledge that existing prevention programs may have an impact on reducing criminogenic risk factors, but that is not the program's primary purpose.

3. Next steps for youth and prevention focus

Programs they would like to hear from in the future include:

- Brigid Collins Family Support Center
- Lummi Nation
- School districts
- Health Department regarding their school services
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS)
- Northwest Youth Services
- Child Protective Service (CPS) services
- Peace Health pediatricians

4. Next Steps: Ideas & Further Information

See agenda item three.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.