

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

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., August 13, 2019

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

AGENDA

If you plan to bring handouts to this meeting, bring at least 15 for committee members and the file

Topic	Requested Action	Presenter	Packet Page(s)
1. Call to Order			
2. Update Pretrial Services Unit <i>11:30-11:45</i>	Information	Deborra Garrett	N/A
3. Update on presentation of annual plan to County Council <i>11:45-12:00</i>	Information	Stephen Gockley	N/A
4. Assign programs to custom IPRTF Strategic Plan program inventory <i>12:00-1:00</i>	Add existing programs to inventory	N/A	1 - 5
5. Next Steps: 1:00-1:20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting topics: Invitation to meet law enforcement behavioral health officers • Possibility of Task Force creating Jail Inmate Survey(s). <i>(From County Councilmember Barry Buchanan)(Steering Committee referred to LJS Committee on Aug. 1)</i> • Other work plan items 			
6. Other Business: 1:20-1:25			
7. Public Comment: 1:25-1:30			
8. Adjourn			

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

IPR TASK FORCE Bi-monthly on various Mondays 9-11 a.m. Courthouse Rooms 513/514 311 Grand Ave., Bellingham	COMMITTEES				
	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH various Mondays 2:30-3:30 Health Department Creekside Room 509 Girard, B'ham	INDEX First Thursday 1:30-3:00 Courthouse Rooms 513/514, 311 Grand Avenue, B'ham	LEGAL & JUSTICE SYS. 2 nd Tuesday 11:30 am-1:30 pm Courthouse Room 514 311 Grand Ave., Bham	CRISIS STABILIZATION Bi-monthly 3 rd Thursday 9:30-11:00 a.m. Courthouse Room 513 311 Grand Avenue, B'ham	STEERING As needed 9:30-11:00 a.m. Courthouse Room 513 311 Grand Ave., Bham
August 12 October 14 December 16	August 12 September 16 October 14 November 12 <i>(Joint mtg. with Legal & Justice)</i> December 16	October 3 <i>Tentative:</i> November 7 December 5	August 13 September 10 October 8 November 12 <i>(Joint mtg. with Behavioral Health)</i> December 10	September 19 November 21	October 3 December 5

The most up-to-date meeting schedule can be found online at:

<http://wa-whatcomcounty.civicplus.com/calendar.aspx?CID=40>,



Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

June 12, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force Members

FROM: Jill Nixon, Task Force Clerk

SUBJ: Staff Report on Custom Sequential Intercept Program Inventory

The Steering Committee is developing an overall strategic plan to guide the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law and Justice Council in prioritizing projects and proposals that come before the Task Force. The first step in that process is to inventory existing programs that make an impact in preventing and/or reducing incarceration.

Steering Committee members identified the behavioral health sequential intercept as a model to organize these programs for the Task Force. When complete, this customized model will identify gaps in the system, where resources are lacking, and where priorities should be focused. A draft of the Sequential Intercept Program Inventory is attached. To complete the inventory, the Steering Committee has asked committees and their members to plot their agencies' programs at the appropriate points along the intercept continuum.

Background: In January 2018, the Task Force engaged in a prioritizing process with Crossroads Consulting in which various programs and recommendations, including those in the Vera Institute Final Report, were assigned to the Task Force Subcommittees. The Planning Session Final Report identified as a next step the need for the Steering Committee to develop an overall work plan for the Task Force. This has not yet been done. Furthermore, the Task Force enabling ordinance specifically directs the Task Force to develop or enhance programs "designed along a continuum that effectively reduces incarceration...."

Steering Committee members have also discussed how to prioritize new proposals that come forward. Through this discussion, they propose creating a strategic plan that would identify the current programs that exist, whether they are fully or partially funded and staffed, and gaps in services that need to be developed. Proposals for new programs would be submitted on a project proposal request for review form and submitted to the full Task Force for review and, if appropriate, placed along the continuum.

Request for Action:

Task Force committee members, on behalf of their representative agencies, may list their existing programs that make an impact in preventing and/or reducing incarceration, and indicate for each program where it should be located on the custom sequential intercept. Please bring this information to your next committee meeting or forward to Jill Nixon at jnixon@co.whatcom.wa.us by July 26.

WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CORRECTIONS BUREAU

SERVICES, ALTERNATIVES AND PROGRAMMING

Alternatives to Full Custody:

- Work and School Release with some increases in capacity.
- Out of Custody Work Crew (To work off jail time and/or fines, and short term sanctions for specialty courts such as Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Family Treatment Court)
- Electronic monitoring/Detention
- Electronic monitoring for pretrial detention (in conjunction with the District Court pretrial and post-conviction programs)
- Reduction/elimination to financial barriers for alternative programs
- Overseeing some community service programs

Programs in Conjunction with Full Custody:

- Inmate worker programs, both inside the facilities and on the In-Custody Work Crew Program
- GED preparation/tutoring
- Whatcom Literacy Council (1 on 1 tutoring, as needed).
- Bible Studies/ 1 on 1 Faith Based Counseling.
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (Group meetings and emergency notification resource for individuals who have been victims of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence)
- Assistance in resume writing, Interview Techniques and how to dress for a job interview.
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Homeless out-reach via the County HOT team.
- Parents for Parents group
- Work Source group counselling including how to prepare for an interview and finding work after incarceration.
- Goodwill programming including transition services to Goodwill.

Services in Custody to assist with underlying medical, behavioral health issues:

- Jail Health Programs involving Nurses, Physician, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), Dentist, and Medical Assistants.
- Mental Health Services involving 2 full time Mental Health Professionals (MHP's), 1 part-time Psychiatrist and 1 part time Psychiatric Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP-P). Provides crisis response and stabilization services, some crisis counseling and works with the emergency mental health system.
- Re-entry Specialist-1 full time. Assists seriously mentally ill offenders and/or offenders with substance abuse disorders in connecting to community services including inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, housing, outpatient treatment with local provider/clinics.
- Medication Assisted Treatment for offenders with Opioid Use Disorder (Began 9/2018 and continuing to expand).

Projects in process or planning:

- Improving information exchange between Corrections and other portions of the Criminal Justice System.
- Expanding the in-custody work crew opportunities to pre-trial offenders.
- Expansion of video visiting capabilities.
- Additional availability of onsite counselling for chemical dependency.

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Programs existing prior to convening the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force. Please add any programs that existed and were overlooked, above.

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Intercept 0	Intercept 1	Intercept 2	Intercept 3	Intercept 4	Intercept 5
Community Services	Law Enforcement	Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearings	Jails/Courts	Reentry	Post-Incarceration Community Supports
<i>Programs in Place:</i>	<i>Programs in Place:</i>	<i>Programs in Place:</i>	<i>Programs in Place:</i>	<i>Programs in Place:</i>	<i>Programs in Place:</i>
<p>O.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Health Department, Human Services Division, for existing community health programs • Youth Street Outreach Team (NWYA) • GRACE • School District Prevention Programs • Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center • Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) <i>(Opp. Council)</i> • Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) <i>(Opp. Council)</i> • Community Medicated Assisted Treatment • 	<p>1.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang Prevention Programs • Homeless Outreach Team • Community Paramedic • Opiate Outreach and Engagement • Neighborhood Policing • Specialized training for law enforcement and first responders • Truancy/discipline school-based services • Law Enforcement CIT training • Crisis Stabilization Facility (Mental Health and addiction stabilization services) • Specialized training for case managers • GRACE • Bellingham & County behavioral health specialized law enforcement deputies 	<p>2.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Screening • Suicide Assessment • Superior Court & District Court Pretrial Assessment • Electronic Home Monitoring in Lieu of detention when applicable • District Court phone call and text reminders for select court calendars • Bham Muni: Pretrial SCRAM • Bham Muni: Pretrial GPS EHM • Bham Muni: 2x/week warrant quash • Dist. Court: Pretrial Unit • Dist. Court: Pretrial Electronic Equipment Program 	<p>3.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUI Victim Impact Panel • Work and School release • In-custody work crew • Teen Court • Enhanced Drug Court • Family Treatment Court • County Mental Health Court • Health Dept. Jail Behavioral Health Program • Sheriff's Office reduced barriers to jail alternatives (financial, minimum requirements, application process) • Expanded out-of-custody work crew • Increased work release capacity • District Court Post-Conviction Electronic Equipment Program • Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) <i>(Opp. Council)</i> • Coordinated Entry Referral Specialist <i>(Opp. Council)</i> • Bham Muni: Mental Health Court • Bham Muni: DV Court • Bham Muni: EHM in lieu of incarceration • Dist. Court High Risk DV Unit • Dist. Court text msg. reminders post-conviction 	<p>4.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term housing to stabilize • Health Dept. Jail Reentry Program • Prescriptions and access to prescriptions upon release • Specialized Behavioral Health Unit in District Court • GRACE • 	<p>5.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized Behavioral Health Program • Community Outreach • Peer-to-peer community supports (12-step programs, volunteer organizations) • Community Medicated Assisted Treatment • GRACE •

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<i>Programs in place with resource shortage:</i>	<i>Programs in place with resource shortage:</i>	<i>Programs in place with resource shortage:</i>	<i>Programs in place with resource shortage:</i>	<i>Programs in place with resource shortage:</i>	<i>Programs in place with resource shortage:</i>
<p>O.B From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex offender ADA accessible housing • Funding for affordable housing – clean and sober and other specialty housing • Employment resources – include “second chance employers” • Supportive shelters • Eviction Prevention assistance 	<p>1.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS) • Law enforcement direct referral to Crisis Mobile Outreach Team (BHASO) • Funding CSF beds for non-Medicaid individuals, especially 12-hour holds 	<p>2.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health-Assisted Outpatient Treatment / Lesser Restrictive Orders (LRO) • Superior Court Pretrial Services Unit 	<p>3.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational and Literacy Training for Offenders • Jail Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) program • Dedicated housing for drug court participants • Increased warrant quash opportunities (?) <p>From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Lab in Jail • LROs – more teeth • Increased work release capacity 	<p>4.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program for assertive community treatment (PACT) • Jail Reentry Services • Mental Health Treatment <p>From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodwill re-entry employment services • Employment resources – include “second chance employers” • Expand work release • Improve pathway for voluntary removal of protection orders / DVSAS services 	<p>5.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and sober housing • Community SUD Treatment <p>From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJTA Rental Assistance • Supportive Shelters • Improve pathway for voluntary removal of protection orders / DVSAS services
<i>Programs needed but not in existence:</i>	<i>Programs needed but not in existence:</i>	<i>Programs needed but not in existence:</i>	<i>Programs needed but not in existence:</i>	<i>Programs needed but not in existence:</i>	<i>Programs needed but not in existence:</i>
<p>O.C From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Storage • Youth Street Outreach Team (NWYS) • Eliminate criminalization of homelessness 	<p>1.C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEAD • Seamless protocol for CSF discharge treatment plans for individuals admitted on a 12-hour peace officer hold <p>From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis response – mobile crisis unit • Additional BH trained officers • Increase GRACE • Dedicated DCR to BPD/WCS • DCR procedures eval 	<p>2.C</p>	<p>3.C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offender treatment for Domestic Violence • Young Adult Court • Young Adult reduced incarceration • Court processing and case workload efficiency improvements <p>From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT – include possibility of temp release for eval and new TX 	<p>4.C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic program for Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) • Offender treatment for Domestic Violence <p>From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm handoff – reentry services • Employment assistance • D/C planning and mainstream benefits re-enrollment • Peer re-entry specialists 	<p>5.C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 staffed permanent supportive housing • Behavioral Health consultation to housing providers • Recovery house (3/4 way house after treatment) <p>From Opportunity Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex offender ADA accessible housing • City Ambassadors / hiring program like Metropolitan Improvement District in Seattle • Safe storage

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Affordable supported housing is necessary across all intercept levels.
In addition to expanding existing and developing new programs, the Task Force will continue to identify best practices and engage in ongoing review and monitoring of current programs for quality assurance purposes.
The Information Needs and Data Exchange (INDEX) Subcommittee works to support policy and program data efficiency enhancements across all intercept levels.
The Task Force will first prioritize specific requests from the Whatcom County Council.

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