

Committee Work Plans w/ Sequential Intercept notations

TRIAGE FACILITY COMMITTEE

1. *Ongoing Monitoring and Review*

With guidance from the Whatcom County Health Department and involvement of other key stakeholders, the Triage Facility Committee supports, ~~plans for,~~ and monitors progress to ensure ~~development of~~ a programmatically effective and financially sustainable Triage and Crisis Stabilization facility for Whatcom County. The Triage Facility Committee recognizes the value of the work being undertaken by the County's Health as well as Administrative Services

Departments, in the following areas:

- Facility design & construction
- Securing operational funding
- Program design and RFP development and review
- Developing operating procedures, outreach, and training
- Developing progress metrics and outcome measures
- Ongoing performance management reporting

2. *See Strategic Plan for specific proposed programs*

With the aim of ensuring that the Triage Center programming is effectively integrated with new and existing programs, the Triage Facility Committee will collaborate and coordinate its work with the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (IPRTF) Behavioral Health Committee and the County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. Specifically, the **Triage Facility Committee will identify behavioral health services that will be needed to support the successful operation of the Triage Center**, (e.g. service enriched housing) and make recommendations to the full Task Force regarding opportunities for advocacy.

- Report from the IPRTF Behavioral Health Committee (monthly)
- Report from the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (quarterly)
- Use the data collected to inform their conversations

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

1. Training: *(O.B or 1.B)*

- Host an updated EMS training
- Create an annual calendar to track training for various agencies
- Determine the specific training information that agencies track
- Create a survey of needed additional training

2. Funding: *Add to "across all intercepts"*

- Seek more funding sources and opportunities

3. Substance Use Disorder Treatment: *Ongoing Monitoring and Review*

- Review local suboxone programs
- Update on Dr. Kartman's program
- Update on opiate vs. meth use

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LEGAL AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

1. Evaluate and Improve Court Case Processing and Case Work Loads ... **(2.B and/or 3.B)**
 - Step 1: Public Defender and Judges meeting: April 10
 - Step 2: Anderson and Garrett to report on meeting at June Committee meeting
2. Pre-arrest Diversion **(1.B or 1.C)**
 - Step 1: Find models that can take advantage of the economies of scale from use by all jurisdictions to make it fiscally viable **(Such as LEAD)**
3. Reentry Support **(4)**
 - Increase in-custody evaluations:
 - ~~Step 1: Meeting with Anne Deacon for status update on in-custody evaluation budget cuts~~
 - Community Resource handout for defendants: **(4.C)**
 - Step 1: collect list of resources from Health Department and/or IPRTF Behavioral Health Committee
 - Step 2: Identify resource categories (housing, job seeking, healthcare, etc.) and other resources in the community that exist but are not included in the list from Behavioral Health
 - Step 3: Identify who the handout will go to and when
 - Step 4: format and design the handout
 - Connections to Community Services: See above, community resource handout
 - Ease of entry into behavioral health services **(information gathering)**
 - Review information from Christopher Poulos at IPRTF April 2018 meeting and determine if the LJS Committee wants to move forward with any of his proposed reentry programs **(information gathering)**
4. Warrant quash
 - Step 1: Consider increased opportunities for people to resolve outstanding warrants, including warrant quash: Get more information on what the small cities are doing **(3.B)**
5. Implement policies and procedures that will reduce number of bench warrants issued for FTAs **(information gathering for Intercept 3)**
 - Get an update from Sheriff on Courthouse **jail alternatives screening kiosk**, including better transportation and other resources for court clients **(3.C)**
 - Conversations from the City of Bellingham and the small Cities about their practices.
 - Develop mechanisms to prevent jail admissions for violations of probation/parole
 - Review probation violations
 - Defense counsel to help defendants who please to jail alternatives to complete their paperwork.
6. Facilitate opportunities for individuals to pay off fines assoc. with moving violations **(3.C)**
 - Review strategies for reducing fines/interest
 - Licensing Review

INCARCERATION PREVENTION & REDUCTION TASK FORCE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT SERVICE INVENTORY & STRATEGIC PLAN

Updated 11/12/19

Programs existing prior to convening the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force. Please add any programs that existed and were overlooked, above.
Programs IN BOLD are developed or expanded through or in consultation with the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force

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>0.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEE APPENDIX A: Health Department, Human Services Division, community health programs • Gang prevention programs • Community Paramedic • Opiate Outreach and Engagement • GRACE Program • School District Prevention Programs (various school districts) • Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) (Opp. Council) • Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) • Community Medication Assisted Treatment (various agencies and medical professionals) • Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center (WDRC) youth restorative practices/justice services and conflict resolution training • WDRC adult conflict resolution training and skill building workshops • Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) • Brigid Collins Parenting Academy 	<p>1.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Policing • Specialized training for law enforcement and first responders • Truancy/discipline school-based services • Law Enforcement crisis intervention team (CIT) training • Crisis Stabilization Facility (Mental Health and addiction stabilization services) • Specialized training for case managers • GRACE Program • Behavioral health specialized law enforcement officers & deputies (multiple jurisdictions) • Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) 	<p>2.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Screening • Suicide Assessment • Superior Court & District Court Pretrial Risk Assessment • Superior Court Pretrial Services Unit • Electronic Home Monitoring in Lieu of detention when applicable • District Court phone call and text reminders for select court calendars • Bellingham Municipal Court: Pretrial SCRAM, Pretrial GPS EHM, Pretrial Risk Assessment, and 2x/week warrant quash • District Court: Pretrial Unit and Pretrial Electronic Equipment Program 	<p>3.A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEE APPENDIX A: Health Department, Human Services Division, community health programs • SEE APPENDIX B.1 and B.2: Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau Programs • DUI Victim Impact Panel • Work and School release • In-custody work crew • Specialized courts (Teen, Drug, Mental Health) • Enhanced Drug Court • Health Dept. Jail Behavioral Health Program • Sheriff's Office reduced fees and increased eligibility for jail alternatives • Expanded and increased out-of-custody work crew and work release capacity • District Court Post-Conviction Electronic Equipment Program • Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) (Opp. Council) • Coordinated Entry Referral Specialist • Bellingham Muni Court: Mental Health Court, DV Court, EHM in lieu of incarceration • Dist. Court High Risk DV Unit, court text messaging • Juvenile Court Behavioral Health Program 	<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 Program 	<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 Medication Assisted Treatment (various agencies and medical professionals) • GRACE Program • WDRC adult conflict resolution training and skill building workshops • Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) • City Gate Supportive Housing

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<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>0.C</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"> • Seamless protocol for CSF discharge treatment plans for individuals admitted on a 12-hour peace officer hold • Crisis response, mobile crisis unit • Dedicated DCR to BPD/WCS • DCR procedures evaluation • Triage mental health unit for juveniles 	<p>2.C</p> <p style="color: green;"><i>Can Housing be an incentive to participate in Specialty Court? (BH)</i></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 • Brigid Collins family support services • Intensive case manager for the jail • MAT: include possibility of temporary release for evaluation and new treatment <p style="color: green;"><i>Housing for Mental Health Court? (BH)</i></p> <p style="color: green;"><i>Youth Court (BH)</i></p>	<p>4.C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic program for Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) • Offender treatment for Domestic Violence • Reentry navigators • Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau: Reentry services for release from incarceration other than Whatcom County jail. • Warm handoff • Employment assistance • Discharge planning and mainstream benefits re-enrollment • Peer re-entry specialists <p style="color: purple;"><i>Community Resource Handout for defendants (LJS)</i></p>	<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) • Sex offender ADA accessible housing • City Ambassadors / hiring program like Metropolitan Improvement District in Seattle • Safe storage

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ACRONYMS

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BH	Behavioral health
BHASO	(North Sound) Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (formerly NS Behavioral Health Organization: NSBHO)
BPD	Bellingham Police Department
CIT	Crisis Intervention Team
CJTA	Criminal Justice Treatment Account
CORS	Community Outreach and Recovery Support
CSF	Crisis Stabilization Facility
D/C	Diversion
DCR	Designated crisis responders
DUI	Driving under the influence
DV	Domestic Violence
DVSAS	Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services
EHM	Electronic home monitoring

FACT	Forensic Program for Assertive Community Treatment
GPS	Global positioning system
GRACE	Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (Program)
HOT	Homeless Outreach Team
LEAD	Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
LRO	Lesser restrictive orders
MAT	Medication Assisted Therapy
NWYS	Northwest Youth Street Outreach Team
PACT	Program for Assertive Community Treatment
PATH	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
PCAP	Parent Child Assistance Program
SCRAM	Secure continuous remote alcohol monitor
SUD	Substance use disorder
TX	(medical) treatment
WCSO	Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
WDRC	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center



*Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention
and Reduction Task Force*

2019 Year End Report

December 18, 2019

I. Introduction and Task Force Efforts

PURPOSE. In July 2019, the County Council amended the Task Force reporting requirements from one update to two updates per year. The Task Force submitted its written Annual Report to the County Council in June. This is a brief update on Task Force accomplishments to the end of the year and plans for 2020.

A. 2019 Update

- ***Task Force Becomes Law & Justice Council***

Washington State statute requires counties to have a Law and Justice Council, which may address issues related to coordination with other jurisdictions, jail management, and offender information. The County Council's July 2019 ordinance amended the IPR Task Force purpose and function to assign Law & Justice Council role to the IPR Task Force.

- ***Service Inventory and Strategic Plan is Complete***

The IPR Task Force completed its Sequential Intercept Service Inventory and Strategic Plan in October. *(See attached)* The document inventories existing services and programs in all jurisdictions and defines a process for the Task Force to incorporate new proposals into its work plan.

- ***Task Force Guides the Work of the Committees***

The majority of the Task Force work is done at the committee level. The full Task Force has adjusted its regular meeting schedule to every other month to hear committee and program updates, provide guidance in moving forward, and make recommendations to the County Council.

The IPR Task Force received regular updates on several new programs that were launched in 2019, including the Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program, Superior Court Pretrial Services, the Intergovernmental Policy Academy, and new funding opportunities.

B. What's Next in 2020

- ***Budget Year***

For Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham, 2020 is a budget preparation year for their biennial 2021-2022 budgets. The Task Force will be looking at current behavioral health and law and justice revenue and expenditures, and may make recommendations to the County and City councils and administrators.

Crisis Stabilization Facility Committee

A. 2019 Update

- **Construction Has Begun**

The County broke ground on September 30 for the new 32 bed dual mental health treatment/substance use stabilization facility. The construction contract was awarded to Tiger Construction, and construction will take approximately 9 to 14 months. As the facility nears completion, the committee’s charge to develop plans for a new or expanded facility also nears completion.

- **Data Requirements Included in Provider Leases**

Compass Health and Pioneer Human Services were chosen as the service providers for the mental health treatment unit and the substance use disorder unit of the new facility. The committee developed a list of data reporting requirements for these vendors, which were incorporated into their provider leases and will inform the County and the IPR Task Force on future policy and funding recommendations and decisions.

B. What’s Next in 2020

- **Launching an Efficient and Successful Program**

Prioritize ease of drop off for law enforcement, should take no more than 8 minutes. Monitoring the processes needed for efficient functioning. Facilitate frequent communication between the service providers, law enforcement, and first responders. Ensure that the service providers submit regular data reports and monitor.

- **Continuing the Search for Operational Funds**

Engage with Federal and State legislators and Governor to continue to search for stable and adequate funding source for ongoing operations.

Behavioral Health Committee

A. 2019 Update

- **Roadmap for Prevention Interventions**

The July 2019 County Council ordinance expanded the Task Force purpose to include identifying, examining, and recommending programs and policies that focus on intervention and prevention strategies that are pursuant to incarceration. The Committee embarked upon a course of action to learn more about the existing early intervention and prevention programs throughout the county. (See Sidebar)

The Committee also spoke with a representative from Arapahoe County, Colorado about their Handle with Care Program to find out if it could be implemented in

Presentations Received:

- ✓ GRACE
- ✓ Lummi Behavioral Health
- ✓ Bellingham School District
- ✓ Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS)
- ✓ Brigid Collins Family Support Center

Presentations To Be Scheduled:

- School Districts
- Health Department: school services
- Northwest Youth Services
- Child Protective Service (CPS) services
- Peace Health pediatricians

Whatcom County. The Colorado program allows law enforcement to inform school officials when a child is involved in a traumatic event, without being specific about the event details, so school personnel can have context for any behavioral issues that may arise with the child.

B. What's Next in 2020

- ***Continuing Review of Early Intervention & Prevention Services***

The Committee will continue to review existing programs and services available to children, young adults, and families that provide positive impacts to the social determinants of health and risk factors for criminal behavior.

- ***Dividing Duties with a New Prevention Committee***

As work on the crisis stabilization facility wraps up, and because the County Council added prevention to the Task Force's purpose and function, the IPR Task Force will consider the option of creating a committee specifically focused on prevention.

Information Needs & Data Exchange (INDEX) Committee

A. 2019 Update

- ***New Jail Website is Launched***

The Sheriff's Office recently launched the new [Inmate Database](#) on the County's website. A workgroup of committee members, led by Lt. Caleb Erickson and Perry Rice, County Information Technology Manager, lead the project, which provides much more information on jail bookings. Information can be arranged by various fields and is also searchable.

- ***Data Availability is Improved***

Lack of timely information on the status of inmates held in custody can impede timely case processing. County technical staff are working with the INDEX committee to develop reports on inmate status. Each court agency will receive a customized report on inmates' time served as sentenced by the courts, and city prosecutors will receive a point-in-time report on who is in jail on their city cases. Another project will revamp the County's web pages to enhance the availability and clarity of data available to the public and policy makers.

- ***Engaging with State on New Software System***

The State's Administrative Office of the Courts has been engaged in a project to select a new data management system for courts of limited jurisdiction throughout the state, including District Court and local municipal courts. The system chosen is crucial to daily operations of many local court systems in the county. The INDEX Committee has been working with State staff on the State's progress and to provide recommendations on how any new State system must integrate with the County's existing systems.

B. What's Next in 2020

- ***Statistical Monitoring of New Programs***

The committee will develop a process to help new programs and services set up a system for data collection and monitoring. New programs will benefit from generating baseline data prior to program launch, develop relevant benchmarks that will indicate program success, and continually monitor benchmark data.

- ***Respond to Task Force and Committees' Policy Questions***

As shown in the IPR Task Force Sequential Intercept Service Inventory and Strategic Plan, the INDEX Committee works across all intercept levels to help the Task Force, its committees, and policy-makers identify and monitor data needed to respond to specific policy questions.

- ***Continue Refining Data Sharing Among Jurisdictions***

In addition to developing data to answer policy questions, the INDEX Committee plays a role in connecting local jurisdictions and agencies, to share information. The Committee will continually update the data matrix and develop cross-jurisdictional data sharing reports to increase efficiencies in the overall criminal justice system.