

Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force / Law & Justice Council

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1. Call to Order Land Acknowledgement Statement: Before we begin, we acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional and unceded territory of the Lummi, Nooksack, Samish and Semiahmoo People who have cared for and tended this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We pay respect to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.			
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Behavioral Health Crisis Response System Expansion

November 23, 2020

#	Task Name	Nov 2020				Dec 2020				Jan 2021				Feb 2021				Mar 2021				Apr 2021				May 2021			
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18	Recruit providers																					██████████							

***Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Information Needs and Data Exchange Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for January 7, 2021***

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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Caleb Erickson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was a remote-only virtual Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Barry Buchanan, Caleb Erickson, Ryan Anderson, Dave Reynolds Brenda Beeman, Wendy Jones, Darlene Peterson, Kathy Smith, Perry Rice, Tyler Schroeder

2. [Report on the new Julota case management system \(01:15\)](#)

Jeremy Morton, Whatcom County Systems Administrator, described his role as the lead analyst for the emergency management system (EMS), Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program, and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. He gave a presentation on the Julota case management system:

- Individuals move between different systems, such as jail, the emergency department, and other systems. The goal is to bring the information from all systems into a secure and shareable format.
- They identified and mapped what they need the program to do, and then tested the system to see if it worked
- The goal of GRACE and LEAD is to engage people in services.
- GRACE and LEAD are different programs, but share staff.
- Patient information can securely be sent or accessed between agencies.
- The Julota system will create reports to track program efficacy and help secure funding.
- Julota can be a community information exchange platform and connect EMS services under one umbrella. Caseworkers can see a patient's involvement across all the agencies' systems and engage the patient before reaching the point of crisis.
- The program can readily produce data on trends.
- They are now quantifying the law enforcement data for patients.
- The resting place for the actual data is in the cloud in the Julota system.

The committee discussed whether something like the Julota system is available to the greater criminal justice system; Tableau analytic software program, and; the challenge of data validation.

3. [Discussion of process for requesting data from the INDEX Committee \(22:55\)](#)

Erickson reported on the request of the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force to identify how to submit requests for data.

The committee discussed the possibility of creating a data request form; the difficulty of making sure that people request the right information for what they may actually need; potential time management issues for staff from requests, and; creating an email address and distribution list for the INDEX Committee for data requests.

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Buchanan moved that Perry Rice and Caleb Erickson work to set up an email address and distribution list for the INDEX Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. [Discussion of the possibility of hiring Dr. James Austin, JFA Institute, to consult on next steps for the INDEX Committee \(30:38\)](#)

Schroeder reported on the original idea of hiring Dr. Austin to consult with the INDEX Committee. A next step for the committee is to identify policy questions. The INDEX Committee could ask the Task Force if it wants to bring in an expert via a request for proposals or qualifications. A budget would have to be allocated.

Buchanan moved to get feedback from the main Task Force about an RFP. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Erickson stated there isn't a good repository for publicly-available data. They need a discussion about the information they can make available to an analytic system for development and refinement.

The committee discussed including that request in the RFP/Q for the consultant; data that resides outside the Spillman system; new criminal justice system case management systems; the need to start working with the municipalities and tribes, whose data impacts the jail; develop interagency collaboration; recruiting a representative of the Bellingham Police Department for the INDEX Committee.

5. [Other Business \(44:26\)](#)

Peterson stated municipal and district courts in the state are getting a new Odyssey computer system, so they'll all have the same database. It will likely be the end of 2021 or Spring of 2022 when the new systems are installed in this area.

Reynolds stated most of the demographic information comes from the State Department of Licensing. That impacts the statistics on race and ethnicity.

Rice reported on several technology projects for 2021 within the criminal justice system. As they work with implementing the new systems, he will keep in mind the need for data integration and sharing.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Legal & Justice Systems Subcommittee
Meeting Summary for January 12, 2021

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1. Call to Order

Committee Co-Chair Raylene King called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was a remote-only virtual Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Anne Deacon, Bill Elfo, Arlene Feld, David Freeman, Stephen Gockley, Deborah Hawley, Raylene King, Moonwater, Darlene Peterson, Eric Richey, Flo Simon, Donnell Tanksley, Bruce Van Glubt, Maia Vanyo

Members Absent: None

King welcomed new member, Blaine Police Chief Donnell Tanksley.

2. [Pretrial services in the small cities \(15:57\)](#)

Angela Anderson, Lynden Public Defense Attorney, reported:

- The small cities use District Court Probation for pretrial monitoring
- Everson, Sumas, Blaine and Bellingham use Friendship Diversion Services
- The Lummi Nation also have a bracelet monitoring program
- Superior Court has felony pretrial monitoring
- In general, the District Court and Friendship Diversion models have more contact with clients.
- Superior Court monitoring doesn't have as much client contact
- Pretrial monitoring is an incentive for clients to resolve their cases sooner
- They need to make better use of Friendship Diversion Services
- The most effective thing to get people to come to court is wearing an ankle bracelet
- Alcohol monitoring bracelets are better at keeping people out of jail, and should be paid for by the government, not the clients
- New technology is available and achieves compliance better. Cases resolve faster.

The committee members discussed giving defendants credit if they wear electronic home monitoring during pretrial, a proposed rule change that limits the need for defendants to appear at pretrial hearings, funding levels for District Court Probation electronic monitoring, the work involved in pretrial and post-conviction monitoring, and an increase in warrants for municipal court,

3. [Update on Pretrial Processes Workgroup \(05:45\)](#)

Gockley reported for the workgroup. Judge Garrett retired, and the role of leader will transition to Judge David Freeman. Implementation of the risk assessment has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic. Pretrial services are still offered. Data scientists and professionals nationwide disagree on whether risk assessments have embedded racial and ethnic bias. The local officials considered whether or not to use the public safety assessment (PSA) as a pretrial risk assessment. Staffing for the

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Pretrial Services Unit has been limited due to Covid pandemic restrictions on trials and funding. In the near future, expansion of services won't happen. At this time, the workgroup does not have a recommendation to the judicial officers on the PSA. The workgroup has and will continue to engage the community on racial and ethnic data issues. They continue to monitor statistics on failure to appear and new crimes.

4. Training of law enforcement officers, including the small cities, for new Crisis Stabilization Center (12:12)

The committee members discussed opportunities for training law enforcement officers on using the new Crisis Stabilization Center when it opens.

(38:17)

Deacon reported that they are behind on the goal to establish the mental health stabilization program criteria, including involuntary treatment. The vendor has not yet gotten its certification for involuntary treatment. The program advisory committee includes law enforcement representatives from the Sheriff's Office and Bellingham Police Department, who are helping to develop protocols and practices. Once a draft of those proposals are available, they will engage all the law enforcement agencies for feedback. Four out of five managed care organizations (MCOs) so far have agreed to fund involuntary treatment. They hope to have training figured out in the next six weeks. They are providing as much information to the public as possible about the new programs. They need artists to paint murals on each individual patient room in the facility.

The committee discussed the issues with certification, which should be achieved by the end of the week, and recruiting artists.

5. Other Business (44:53)

The committee discussed individuals charged with misdemeanors and who are incarcerated, and the time they spend waiting for competency orders and restoration orders; the State's interest in triage instead of jail, and; the State's long-term plans to build competency centers.

King stated the committee can still make requests for data of the INDEX Committee, and reentry is still an issue for the committee.

6. Public Comment

No one spoke.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

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Behavioral Health Subcommittee
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1. Call to Order

Committee Co-Chair Dan Hammill / Mike Parker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was a remote-only virtual Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Megan Ballew, Nathan Bajema, Chris Cochran, Doug Chadwick, Arlene Feld, Heather Flaherty, Stephen Gockley, Dan Hammill, Mike Hilley, Perry Mowery, Mike Parker, Donnell Tanksley

Members Absent: Seth Fleetwood, Byron Manering

2. [2021 Committee Priorities \(00:11:37\)](#)

Committee members discussed the following items:

- How has Covid impacted the behavioral health population (a needs assessment)?
- Reentry, including on-boarding the new full-time reentry specialist. Can the reentry specialist work outside the jail to maximize the possibility of a successful warm hand-off?
- Methamphetamine treatment and recovery. Are there additional services to provide for people who want to recover? Examine the problems of meth use in supportive housing.
- Enhanced juvenile SUD treatment and services
- Dedicated mental health professionals in ride-along program with law enforcement, similar to the Impact Program in Skagit County.
- Review outcomes of the new recovery house.

The committee chairs will review and begin developing forward movement on the listed items, and bring it back to the committee in February.

3. Youth and young adult current interventions, challenges, and opportunities (00:00:00)

[Peer Learning Network through NACO \(00:32:00\)](#)

Anne Deacon, Health Department reported on the National Association of Counties (NACO) Peer Learning Network technical assistance grant:

- Whatcom is one of 13 counties nationwide
- The focus is reducing incarceration for people with behavioral health disorders and unfairly treated due to ethnic and racial disparities
- They meet to share work and get technical assistance from national experts
- A nationwide theme is how to work more closely with law enforcement
- Upcoming webinars will address close collaboration with law enforcement and youth and young adult interventions

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[Bellingham School District \(00:37:30\)](#)

Cochran described his background and read through a presentation (on file):

- The guiding values of his position
- Programs that provide support to staff, families, and students
- The multi-tiered system of supports
- Their continuum of services, from preventive to after-care
- Preventive services from Pre-K to Grade 12
- Programs by age group
- Community partners

The committee discussed:

- Connections and collaborations with other school districts in the county
- School-based mobile response teams (MRT) for Bellingham and schools in the county
- Collaboration with school districts in other counties through the Northwest Educational Service District (ESD) located in Anacortes
- The importance of health and wellness efforts in the district
- Trauma-informed practices
- Effective support across different systems, including mental health and medical providers, and law enforcement, is a gap in the system
- Privacy concerns with law enforcement sharing information with school districts when a traumatic event occurs in a student's family.
- Tracking data on school discipline and racial and ethnic disparity.

4. [LEAD Early Implementation \(01:19:19\)](#)

Malora Christensen, SeaMar Community Health Center, described her background and read through a presentation (see video) on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) draft eligibility criteria, additional considerations, restrictions, and exceptions.

Christensen and the committee discussed capturing data on individuals who are approved versus individuals who are denied for the program for the purpose of gaging racial and ethnic equity.

5. **Legislative Updates**

This item was held to the next meeting.

6. **How to use GARE in decision-making**

This item was held to the next meeting.

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7. [Other Business \(01:36:00\)](#)

Flaherty referenced Camp 210 and stated a segment of the homeless population is difficult to serve, and has untreated addiction and mental health issues. They should all be aware of this population.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Crisis Stabilization Facility Subcommittee
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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Anne Deacon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was a remote-only virtual Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Doug Chadwick, Anne Deacon, Todd Donovan, Mike Hilley, Jack Hovenier

Members Absent: Michael McAuley, Tyler Schroeder

2. [Crisis Stabilization Center Updates \(01:34\)](#)

Deacon reported that the detox side of the Center opened the first week in January. The triage side is not yet operational in the new facility, as the vendor is awaiting final licensing. The program advisory committee for the new center continues to work out protocols and procedures for how to divert people from arrest and from the emergency department at the hospital. Three of five managed care organizations so far have agreed to pay for involuntary care once the vendor is certified. City attorneys and prosecutors are working out eligibility for the Center. The old triage location is offered to Compass Health at an inexpensive rate to house designated crisis responders and other staff, but only if they provide staff that can help with involuntary treatment when needed.

Deacon played a video tour of the new facility as was published in the Bellingham Herald and shared aerial photos of the facility.

The committee discussed the licensing delay, which should be resolved soon; number of clients in the facility now; reporting requirements; outcomes measures; gathering data on self-referrals versus law enforcement and EMS drop-offs, and; Covid protocols.

Hilley reported on the EMS drop-off protocols they are developing. Priority has been on the detox side so far. Once they figure out the Covid protocol, they can implement quickly. The emergency department physicians are still uncomfortable with the unfamiliar facility, but they'll get over it. There is much interest regionally to see this facility work. There may be rule changes that allow EMTs and paramedics to work in these types of centers.

3. Crisis Stabilization Center's role in the behavioral health crisis system

This item was not discussed.

4. [Wall murals for the crisis stabilization center \(29:55\)](#)

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Deacon described the durability of the wall design. There is a desire to make the rooms more welcoming, so they want to recruit artists to create murals in the individual patient rooms. She is open to ideas on how to recruit ideas. Bellingham City Council Members and others in the community are working on recruiting and funding.

5. Other Business (34:00)

Perry Mowery, Health Department, reported on the vendor lease agreements and provider responsibilities in the memoranda of agreement, which require working with law enforcement to facilitate drop-offs and also require data reporting.

Deacon reported on the status of operational funding. They are okay for now. If funding is needed, local State legislators have committed to making the request of the State legislature. One idea is to make this center a pilot project for the State.

The committee members discussed data reporting and measurements for the INDEX Committee.

Deacon reported that they came in under budget for the new facility.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

**Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
Steering Committee
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1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was a remote-only virtual Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: Barry Buchanan, Anne Deacon, Arlene Feld, Stephen Gockley, Dan Hammill, Raylene King, Mike Parker, Tyler Schroeder

Members Absent: Jack Hovenier

2. [Implementing the Government Alliance on Race and Equity \(GARE\) Toolkit \(01:10\)](#)

Buchanan reported on the County Health Board resolution reaffirming racism as a public health crisis, which mentions joining GARE.

The committee discussed the possibility of making a recommendation from the Task Force to the County Council that the County join GARE; how the GARE framework is suited to government agencies; the benefits and cost of membership; coordinating with the upcoming Racial Equity Commission; potential grant funding for agencies to develop and enhance specific services for individuals in marginalized communities, and; when the Racial Equity Commission will be formed.

Committee members concurred to gather more information on coordinating with the Racial Equity Commission and other efforts.

3. [Items for February 1 Task Force agenda \(20:50\)](#)

The committee concurred to schedule the following items:

- An update with video of the Crisis Stabilization Center facility opening
- Behavioral Health Crisis Response Expansion
- Committee reports

The committee discussed reporting on potential product that could help with data gathering across the criminal justice system, the need for data reporting across jurisdictions, making data available to the community for accountability, reviewing State legislation at the March Steering Committee, operational funding for the Crisis Stabilization Center by establishing the center as a State pilot project,

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

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5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Task Force Co-Chairs Jack Hovenier / Stephen Gockley called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The meeting was a remote-only virtual Zoom Webinar.

Present: Anne Deacon, Bill Elfo, Arlene Feld, Heather Flaherty, Deborra Garrett, Stephen Gockley, Daniel Hammill, Deborah Hawley, Mike Hilley, Jack Hovenier, Raylene King, Scott Korthuis, Seth Fleetwood, Byron Manering, Dave Reynolds, Eric Richey, Tyler Schroeder, Flo Simon, Bruce Van Glubt, Maia Vanyo, Greg Winter

Absent: Barry Buchanan, Moonwater, Eric Petersen, Darlene Peterson, Donnell Tanksley

2. [Election of Task Force chair and vice-chair and committee sign-up \(00:02:02\)](#)

Hammill moved to nominate and appoint Stephen Gockley and Jack Hovenier as Co-Chairs. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously (Schroeder absent).

Hovenier referenced the 2021 committee signup sheet and stated Judge David Freeman will take over for retiring Judge Garrett.

Judge Garrett thanked everyone for their hard work and progress on the Task Force. She will continue to participate on the Pretrial Processes Workgroup. Judge Freeman will be her official replacement on the Pretrial Processes Workgroup and with the Task Force.

King described the small cities police position on the Task Force, which will be taken over by Blaine Chief Donnell Tanksley instead of Ferndale Chief Kevin Turner.

Deacon referenced the proposed new member on the Behavioral Health Committee for a Health Department staff person with behavioral health and substance use disorder should not be included on the list as Perry Mowery already serves on the committee with those qualifications. The Task Force members concurred.

Hammill moved to approve the 2021 committee assignments as revised with the noted changes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously (Schroeder absent).

3. [2021 IPRTF and Committee Regular Meeting Schedule \(00:12:51\)](#)

Peterson moved to approve the annual regular meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously (Schroeder absent).

4. County Council Resolution Affirming that Racism is a Public Health Crisis

This item was not discussed.

5. [Crisis Stabilization Center Opening \(00:14:29\)](#)

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Deacon reported that the Crisis Stabilization Center opening is delayed, likely to next week. They are in the process of producing a video tour and a virtual ribbon cutting event. They are also working with State legislators to secure operational costs. The facility is intended as a stabilization facility and to connect people with services. It's not yet confirmed that they can open as an involuntary treatment facility, but they're working toward that program with law enforcement.

6. [Behavioral Health Crisis Response Expansion \(00:18:48\)](#)

Deacon stated the intent of the expansion to provide emergency behavioral health crisis response that doesn't require law enforcement:

- Purpose is to safely reduce unnecessary law enforcement responses to people in behavioral health crisis; improve behavioral health response, services, and support to people in crisis; improve the systems of care and coordination.
- People are meeting weekly to develop the program expansion
- It may be another program under the umbrella of the Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program
- Law enforcement, behavioral health providers, and the current mobile crisis outreach team are participating in developing a program
- They are developing a general proposal to expand the services and hold stakeholder and community meetings to get input in the process before finalizing the plan for the program and funding
- They've researched similar programs around the nation and the needs of this community
- First draft of the proposal should be ready to share to the community in the Spring

The Task Force members discussed the need to connect all the different programs they're developing, the need to ensure safety of social workers who respond to emergency calls.

7. [Committee Updates \(00:31:22\)](#)

Deacon reported for the Crisis Stabilization Facility Committee and referenced the report in the packet. The Covid pandemic has made delivery of materials difficult. Once they open, they will need to make sure programs are running as expected.

Gockley referenced the meeting summary and reported for the Steering Committee.

Feld, Hammill, and Mike Parker, Behavioral Health Committee Co-Chair, referenced the meeting summary and reported for the Joint Behavioral Health and Legal and Justice Systems Committee on items discussed at the joint meeting.

The Task Force members discussed the jail data versus data on people involved in the entire criminal justice system; reentry services funded by the managed care organizations (MCOs); small cities' charges of driving without a license, 3rd (DWLS3), and; small cities jury trials, warrants, and electronic home monitoring.

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Hammill referenced the meeting summary and reported on the December Behavioral Health Committee meeting.

Caleb Erickson, INDEX Committee Chair, referenced the meeting summary and reported for the INDEX Committee.

The Task Force members discussed the data collection points throughout the system; whether the new case management tools will provide a clear picture on race and ethnicity; how responsive the new systems will be to handle data requests; whether there are opportunities for better data collection, and; how to consolidate the data across all the systems.

Erickson stated he will take the question of how the IPRTF members and others can request data from these systems.

8. [Update by Jurisdictions on Jail Diversion Programs \(01:13:17\)](#)

King stated the next Legal and Justice Systems Committee will have an update from jurisdictions on electronic home monitoring.

Elfo reported that they were able to keep the mental health deputy position intact for the next biennium, but the current deputy retired. They are recruiting for a new hire.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Public Comment

No one spoke.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.