



NEEDS IDENTIFIED

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Justice Project created a draft list of needs in several categories. *Tell the SAC what's missing from this list.*

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

1. Increased access to mental health (MH) & substance use disorder (SUD) assessments, on demand/no waiting
2. Additional community MH treatment capacity (in-patient & out-patient), and address lack of community SUD treatment
3. Increased capacity of effective existing programs to divert more people from incarceration (LEAD, GRACE, MH Court, Drug Court)
4. Reduce response time for Law Enforcement (LE) involved potential Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) calls

INITIAL DETENTION / COURT HEARINGS

5. Additional resources to fully implement, and then expand, the use of the Public Safety Assessment and monitoring of people released pending trial across all courts in Whatcom County

JAIL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

6. Increased access to MH & SUD assessments, on demand/no waiting
7. Evidence-based services for people with SUD who are incarcerated
8. Additional Mental Health Professionals/Intensive Case Managers available for the jail

RE-ENTRY SERVICES

9. Increased jail and community re-entry case management services/support, and ensure Medicaid reinstatement upon release
10. Increased capacity of Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)

POST-INCARCERATION COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

11. When released from jail, low-income people need access to safe housing
12. When released from jail, people need transportation and support to re-enter the community safely
13. When released from jail, people need assistance to reenter the workforce

Email the SAC at sac@co.whatcom.wa.us with your feedback.

HOUSING SERVICES FOR AT-RISK POPULATIONS

14. Permanent supportive housing programs (scattered site and facility-based) need access to clinical support and onsite or improved intensive case management
15. Additional scattered-site and facility-based permanent supportive housing
16. Dedicated housing for therapeutic court members

DATA SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT PLANNING & ACCOUNTABILITY

17. System for collecting consistent data from all intercept points in the criminal, legal, and behavioral health systems
18. Data dashboard to track trends in criminal legal system, racial disparities in the system, and incarceration prevention & reduction efforts

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DETERMINING JAIL LOCATION

- Costs to build on the site
- Adjacent space to use/purchase for future expansion if needed
- Enough land to build a horizontal jail design
- Proximity to
 - a bus line,
 - courthouse,
 - Public Defender's Office,
 - Crisis Stabilization Center (Anne Deacon Center for Hope) – mental health and substance use disorder treatment facility,
 - Sheriff's office,
 - a freeway entrance,
 - hospital,
 - Work Center (housing for minimum security offenders, alternative corrections programs)