

**MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM**  
**November 13, 2013**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Co-Chair Sergiojan called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

The October 16, 2013 minutes were accepted as published.

Jail Population Report

Chief Haugen reported that for October the average daily population (ADP) in the jail is 116.3; the annual ADP is 114.3. The jail cap is 104. Offenders are turned away daily who are trying to serve their jail sentence. Chief Haugen stated they will be requesting a supplemental budget request to cover inmate medical costs. The jail remodel project is underway and will provide an additional 40 beds.

Department of Correction's County of Origin Notification Form

James Foran was released October 28 in Belfair.

Alternatives to Incarceration Programs

Susan would like to see alternatives to incarceration such as work release that would be a lower cost than putting them in jail.

Chief Haugen stated we do have a non-violent litter crew and electronic home monitoring (EHM) but they are underutilized. The EHM has been used for offenders who have medical issues.

Judge Meadows stated they do use EHM daily but there are instances when it doesn't work and she doesn't believe it is always effective.

There was discussion of using EHM.

Judge Steele stated Municipal Court uses community service. He stated using alternatives is great but the courts still need a hammer to use.

Discussion of the procedure for when the jail population is at the maximum. Judge Finlay stated when the sentence is 30 days or less, a hearing can be requested and the situation is assessed.

Jim Madsen, Probation Services, brought up how the juvenile system has used the alternatives to incarceration programs to reduce the detention population.

Susan suggested that for the next 30 days the county utilize the litter crew and EHM and asked the jail to provide a list of those that have less than 30 days in their sentence to the court.

Discussion of mental health and substance abuse issues in the criminal justice system and potential relationship to the 1/10 of 1% sales and use tax

Vicki Kirkpatrick, Director of Mason County Public Health, provided information on the 1/10 of 1% sales and use tax for mental health and substance abuse issues. Proposals have been received to provide intensive case management for the following populations: veterans, jail incarcerated, at-risk and vulnerable. Ms. Kirkpatrick explained how the case management will work and is hopeful this will reduce the jail population. A citizen's advisory committee was formed that developed how to best use the sales tax. The proposals will be reviewed and they

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hope to have the contracts in place soon.

There was discussion of how the programs will work.

Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee

Cmmr. Jeffreys stated the Commissioners have received the letter from the CJWT requesting a citizen's advisory committee to evaluate the law and justice services needs and whether these needs could be met by an increase in the county sales tax or other revenue sources. She asked if the Commissioners should select citizens who are familiar with the criminal justice system.

Sheriff Salisbury cautioned using that approach so it doesn't appear that the criminal justice offices are handpicking members for their own benefit.

There was discussion of how the committee can work. Suggested that each office present information on their needs and that the membership be a combination of selected and at-large citizens. It is important that the public be educated on the criminal justice problems and work towards a solution.

Future Agenda Topics

The following items were brought up as future agenda topics:  
Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee  
2014 Chairperson

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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