

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
June 17, 2015
MEETING MINUTES

Chair Jeffreys called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

The May 13, 2015 minutes were accepted as published.

Theresa Ehrich/Steve Demars moved and seconded to approve the May 13, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Jail Population Report. Chief Haugen gave the population report. For May, 2015 the daily average was 108. They currently have 92 in custody with a bed capacity of 66.

Department of Correction's County of Origin Notification Form – There were no DOC reports.

- ◆ DNA sample coordination - Judge Sheldon explained that the Court orders DNA samples to be taken for all felons and she wants to confirm where exactly the DNA samples are taken.

Chief Haugen said they do them at the Jail.

Steve Demars said they also take DNA at Washington Corrections Center (WCC).

Chief Haugen told Judge Sheldon that if the Courts send the individuals to jail with their Judgement and Sentence, they can get their DNA taken at Jail. He stated that the officer who swabs can also sign the paperwork and the offender can take it back to the court for their file. The DNA will then go to the State Patrol data base.

- ◆ Provision of a defendant's Judgement and Sentence –Judge Sheldon
Judge Sheldon asked if the jail provides a copy of the Judgement & Sentence (J & S).

Chief Haugen said the Court used to provide 3 copies of J & S but they don't anymore. Chief also mentioned that DOC doesn't allow the J & S to go to prison with the inmate.

Steve Demars confirmed that is true at WCC only and stated it's for safety purposes.

Judge Sheldon also asked how people sign up for the litter crew.

Chief Haugen said it's the packet they have always used. If it's a violent offense, they can not go out on litter crew. Chief said he would send a copy of the packet to Judge Sheldon.

- ◆ Strategies for implementing Criminal Justice goals -
Susan Sergiojan said she thinks the Mission is ridiculous since it can't be achieved.

Chief Moody asked if the goal is mediocracy or to excel.

Susan Sergiojan answered it should be reality.

Undersheriff Barrett said the mission is to strive to achieve the optimum goal and if you fall short it's not for lack of trying.

Theresa Ehrich/Judge Steele moved and seconded to change the word "goals" to "strategy". Motion Carried.

Judge Steele brought up fixing the jail and said he thought that was a priority.

Judge Meadows said this mission doesn't take away from the jail issues.

Undersheriff Barrett said there isn't precedence for this format in the CJWT. He said this year the jail is the priority although it doesn't take away from other needs in the criminal justice system.

Robert Sauerlender said that budgetary issues should not be discussed.

Theresa Ehrich said this vision/mission statement was already adopted last month and each area was assigned to identify strategies. She added that strategies were put in chronological order, and not that one item was considered more important/priority than another in this vision/mission.

Judge Sheldon explained that they can not participate, vote or have their name on it when implementing priorities. They need to step back.

Theresa Ehrich stated that this is the only time and group where all factions of our county's criminal justice team come together to move forward and make improvements.

Undersheriff Barrett suggested using bullet points in front of the strategies instead of numbering them.

Susan Sergiojan stated that we can have strategies but the judges cannot prioritize them.

Theresa Ehrich/Mayor Cronce moved and seconded to adopt the Vision/Mission as amended. Motion carried.

- ◆ Adopting a resolution to update Resolution 62A-92
Chair Jeffrey's shared her draft resolution although further discussion will be carried over to the next meeting.
- ◆ Agency/Department Updates
- ◆ Jim Madsen announced that on June 1, they took over problem solving court and said that Sonya Miles will oversee it. They are working diligently to get up to speed. He added that veterans court for superior court should be up and running by end of this month.
- ◆ Susan Sergiojan said there is a program in Thurston County called Bronx Defenders which is a new approach to reducing recidivism by changing offender strategies.

◆ Future Agenda Topics

The following items were brought up as future agenda topics:

Mayor Cronce said he is still concerned about the lack of jail bed space.

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Susan Sergiojan suggested a sub-committee regarding jail space and lack thereof.

Undersheriff Barrett said the Public Safety Criminal Justice Task Force was a sub-committee although there is no immediate fix for lack of space other than utilizing outside sources. The Undersheriff also reminded everyone that there are government standards regarding incarceration of inmates.

Cmmr. Jeffreys said that a subcommittee may be a good idea.

Mayor Cronce, Undersheriff Barrett, Susan Sergiojan, Theresia Ehrich and Jim Madsen will form a subcommittee with a charge to identify immediate incarceration needs of Mason County for a 3-5 year forecast (2016-2021) and present options to address those needs now until a permanent solution can be found. The goal will be the first draft will be completed by the next meeting.

◆ **Next meeting – July 15, 2015**

◆ Next meeting agenda topics: Resolution 62A-92 update and Subcommittee presentation.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Almanzor
Clerk of the Board