

**MASON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
August 19, 2015
MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

- ◆ Approval of minutes – **Cronce/Brooks moved and seconded to approve the July 15, 2015 minutes as amended.**
- ◆ Jail Population Report – Chief Haugen gave the population report.

Average daily population for July was 126 including outsourcing.

33 female 93 male

Total of 81 in custody with 44 outsourced. The jail currently has 74 beds.

- ◆ DOC Release reports received for the following:

Robin I. Johnson - Released 6/1/15 DOC# 787788 County of Origin: Snohomish

- ◆ Adopting a resolution to update Resolution 62A-92 Establishing the CJWT -

Judge Sheldon suggested changing the word "revoked" to "revised".

The group agreed.

Judge Sheldon said to keep this a living document in case statute changes, it should site the RCW rather than copy what the RCW states. She said she doesn't want to see this limit what they can do due to the language "may address issues related to". She said she doesn't know if it's necessary to even list the duties since the RCW already states the duties. She also mentioned the MOU and the three items stated and suggested it may be nice to incorporate those into the new resolution.

Chair Jeffrey said the MOU refers to master plan which is no longer used and also mentioned that the Sheriff does a good job at serving as a liaison to citizens.

Chief Ehrich said they have been trying to work on this for three months and has not been amended since 1992 so it's good that we get a new one.

The working team had a discussion and shared ideas for possible updates and changes to the new resolution.

Chair Jeffrey suggested updating the MOU as well.

Chief Ehrich said she thinks it's important to state that a Vision/Mission has been adopted although we do not need to actually include it but just state it does exist.

Chief Moody suggested wording changes to possibly state "and agree to support the primary goals of the working team".

The group agrees that it will be revised and looked over one more time before it's adopted.

Chief Moody suggests sending the proposed resolution to the CJWT prior to the next meeting so the group can review it.

Steele/Ehrich moved and seconded to approve the changes. Motion carried.

◆ Acute Mental Health Treatment options discussion –

Chair Jeffreys asked about options for mental health cases. The emergency rooms don't treat them and so they are released to the streets.

The next Regional Support Network meeting will be on September 8 at 12:30 p.m. at Mason General Hospital.

Chief Ehrich said they need other programs with people who can assess the situation to get them the help they need.

Chief Moody agrees that something needs to be done and stated this needs to be addressed on a small scale to start. He said there is a cost to not doing anything and added we've got to start somewhere.

Judge Steele stated that a lot of them are incompetent to stand trial so they are released and process is repeated. They are destroying the city for everyone else with activities such as trespassing and stealing, etc.

Cmmr Jeffreys suggested that mental health substance abuse tax could be used for funding. She asked how mental illness is impacting the criminal justice system.

Chief Moody said it's a million dollars a year to house juveniles.

Sheriff Salisbury said they have already spent that amount of money on other things so it could be spent on this issue as well.

Chief Ehrich said the citizens expect this problem to be addressed. She said currently they are not receiving all the services they need.

Chief Moody said it is mental health and substance abuse so mental health treatment and detox facilities are necessary.

Sheriff Salisbury said the businesses are at their wits end with these kinds of problems and it is affecting their businesses. The Sheriff stressed that we need businesses here.

◆ Agency/Department Updates

Mayor Cronce said Shelton Hills is coming to town with Tractor Supply Company which is good news for jobs.

Chair Jeffreys told the group that there will be District Court update in October.

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Sheriff Salisbury stated that a deputy was killed last week. He stated he very much appreciates the support from everyone locally and from across the country. The memorial service will be Thursday August 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Westwood Baptist Church on Kaiser Rd.

Chief Haugen said they will be down some staff due to their attendance at the memorial service.

Chief Moody said there is 24/7 security on all mill sites.

Judge Sheldon said they had a security meeting pertaining to weapons screening. There is a high volume of people in and out of the Courthouse.

Jim Madsen said the grants have come through although they have had a reduction. They are still trying to do things with less money. He stated that he understands what the juvenile facility looks like from the outside so he would like do an informative presentation of how things are conducted for juveniles.

Chief Ehrich said outsourcing is continual and next years budget may be two million dollars for outsourcing. She advised that group that she will not be able to attend the meeting next month.

Judge Steele brought up his survey for promise to appear and 28 percent actually show up. It's a problem. If there was a place to put people they would probably keep them.

◆ Next meeting – September 16, 2015

◆ Future Agenda Topics:

1. Jail Population subcommittee update. How many more need to be outsourced? An update is anticipated from Undersheriff Barrett.
2. Resolution adoption

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Almanzor
Clerk of the Board