

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
October 21, 2015
MEETING MINUTES

Chair Jeffreys called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

- ◆ Approval of minutes – Judge Meadows/Mayor Cronce moved and seconded to approve the September 16, 2015 meeting minutes.
- ◆ Jail Population Report – Chief Tom Haugen
Total: 123 consisting of 26 females and 97 males. Today there are 74 in the jail with an additional 34 outsourced.

Chief Haugen said the jail remodel is making headway although over all the project is not going well.

Bill Kenny joined the CJWT to give an update on the status on the jail remodel. Mr. Kenny said he has a meeting with Jeff Vrabel today. He explained some of the current issues. The three main issues are: 1. Design 2. Contract 3. New issues.

- ◆ DOC Release reports received for the following:
Joseph Dengler DOC#712699 DOR: 10/19/2015 County of Origin: Jefferson Laura Cole spoke about this release.
- ◆ Update on the jail and immediate impact alternatives:

Undersheriff Barrett said nothing new since last time. He said at the next meeting, he will discuss the 3-5 year range. He said he believes outsourcing will still be needed for the next 12 months. There are still issues that need to be worked out. For electronic home monitoring (EHM) for 15 inmates, it would cost over \$76,000.00 dollars for every day for the whole year.

The group had a discussion about EHM and the costs and possible funding.

Chair Jeffreys said the Commission is looking in to County funding for EHM and possibly a pilot program.

Chief Haugen said he doesn't think there are any on "call in" status.

Mayor Cronce said we are moving in the right direction.

Chief Ehrich said there is finally acknowledgement and understanding of the jail issues and the impacts on the Criminal Justice System.

Undersheriff Barrett said there is still a need for outsourcing. He encourages estimating the numbers on the high end. He added that the programs are not as effective unless there are sanctions for those people who don't comply.

Commissioner Sauerlender said therapeutic courts are having an immediate impact on lessening the jail population.

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Tom Davis stated that if sanctions are used in excess it means that the program is failing.

◆ Veteran's Court: Discussion and Q & A – Bob Sauerlender

Currently there are three therapeutic courts including Veteran's Court. Veteran's Court provides a service to veterans who deserve our respect.

Q. Chair Jeffreys asked what makes someone eligible for Veteran's Court?

A. They need to be charged in Superior Court and plead guilty. People with violent crime history are not eligible. Their needs are then evaluated and accessed.

Leon Huggins introduced himself.

Q. Sheriff Salisbury asked if Veterans in general can be referred to Mr. Huggins?

A. Mr. Huggins said yes and he will leave his contact information.

Mr. Sauerlender said there are a lot of available resources and services although people don't know where to find the services.

Chief Moody suggested getting this information to the streets.

Tom Davis asked if there is any training available to get team members trained to better work with Veterans. He said this is an evolving mission said we should stay flexible and adaptive.

Leon Huggins said his office is in town and he does serve as a resource to other agencies as well as Memorial Hall.

Chief Moody said we can talk about this all day long at this level but unless we get the word out there to the people who need it, it won't be used.

Sheriff Salisbury said there used to be a book of resources. He stated that they can produce a new "book" of resources in the County and it can be passed out.

Ben Johnson said it's called the Mason County yellow pages and he still has one. He recommends getting in touch with Lydia Buchheit for additional information.

Mr. Sauerlender stated that there is a need for ongoing training for the team.

Susan Sergiojan said Mason County doesn't consider Veterans Court for DUI's due to the supervision time of five years.

Harris Haertel said there is an opportunity for two day training via grant. If interested, he recommends contacting Patsy Robinson as soon as possible to get the grant application. He added this could be a good opportunity for Mason County.

Judge Steele commented on traffic violations and the Department of licensing. He said traffic cases would need to be worked out and consider law requirements for this to work.

Mr. Davis said the Veterans Court process is not as organized as it could be. He said it does work and recidivism is zero. He reiterated that some people just need assistance.

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Undersheriff suggested contacting comparable counties who use Veterans Court to seek advice on how to deal with challenges.

Mr. Sauerlender stated that the Therapeutic Courts contact person is Renee Cullop. She has even has broader information. Leon Huggins is a great contact for information specifically related to veterans.

◆ Agency/Department Updates

Ben Johnson said he works in the prevention field. He spoke about partnering with Chief Moody to try to encourage Safeway to do something with regard to stolen alcohol. They will do the same with Walmart with regard to spray paint.

Sheriff Salisbury recommends WASPC also involved in this.

Chair Jeffreys recommends possibly the Chambers should be involved as well.

Chief Moody said reserve academy graduation is this Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Dave Thompson from DOC said the Governor has appointed Dan Pacholke as the Secretary of the Department of Corrections.

Patsy Robison said they attended the Washington State Drug Court Conference. She found it very eye opening and interesting. She also mentioned they have a lot of trials in the next few weeks.

Susan Sergiojan said things are same as usual in her office.

Chief Vukich said the Tribe has limited resources and if they could utilize therapeutic courts they would appreciate it. He added that the police on the street are the first point of contact so they should be trained and maybe they could divert some people.

Sheriff Salisbury mentioned some available training.

Judge Steel spoke about utilizing EHM in lieu of jail. He prefers community service instead of EHM so people give something back to community.

Jim Madsen said they will pursue therapeutic court for juveniles. He said they also have a position filled in their office re: JDAI.

Undersheriff Barrett spoke about the litter crew. He would like to use the litter crew as an alternative to sentencing. This needs to be at the subject matter level of the courts to determine if this is possible. The Undersheriff also spoke about tipping fees which he said could be an issue although he added this body should consider the litter crew as an alternative.

Chief Ehrich stated the MCSO is only reimbursed for crew supervisor wages and not for anything else including tipping fees.

◆ Next meeting – November 18, 2015

◆ Future Agenda Topics

1. District Court presentation in November
2. Selection of the 2016 Chair for the CJWT.

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3. Undersheriff Barrett with jail capacity report in December. The MCSO will be at WASPC training at the time of the next CJWT meeting.
 4. Jim Madsen will update the group on JDAI at a future meeting.
- ◆ Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Almanzor
Clerk of the Board

