

**MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
December 16, 2015
MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

- ◆ Approval of minutes – Approval of the October 21 and November 18, 2015 meeting minutes. **Ginger Brooks/Shelby Conklin to approve the October 21 and November 18, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

- ◆ Jail Population Report – Chief Tom Haugen was absent so Sheriff Salisbury gave the population report. The average daily population was 135 consisting of 109 males and 26 females. In MC jail today, they have 79 and the jail holds 45. There are still inmates outsourced. The Sheriff said through the holidays the population goes up.

- ◆ DOC Release reports received for the following:
Charles Edward Kuker DOC# 758593 DOR 12/15/15
County of origin: Pierce
Laura Cole spoke about the DOC release.

Laura Cole spoke about DOC supervision and caseloads.

- ◆ Selection of the 2016 Chair of the Criminal Justice Working Team – Chief Haugen nominated Chief Ehrich at the last CJWT meeting.

Chief Ehrich accepted the nomination.

Ginger Brooks/Judge Sheldon moved and seconded to close the nominations and elect Chief Theresa Ehrich as the 2016 Chair of the CJWT. Motion carried.

- ◆ Update on jail capacity – Undersheriff Barrett

Undersheriff Barrett said he will give an update for a 3-5 year period at the next meeting and added that the jail population is anticipated to remain the same. He informed the group that MCSO is currently working on a contract with Lewis County for outsourcing and it may take over the work of Nisqually Jail although Nisqually and Forks contracts will remain in effect. He stated that Lewis County is in compliance with jail accreditation and PREA standards and there are transportation benefits as well. The Undersheriff informed the committee of some of the advantages of Lewis County and said this should free up some space in the Mason County Jail. He stated that Lewis County provides a more stable long term solution.

Laura Cole asked when this will start.

Undersheriff Barrett said the Mason and Lewis Boards need to sign the contract so it will probably be mid to late January. They are also creating an intervention center as an alternative to being booked in to detention.

- ◆ Agency/Department Updates:

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Jim Madsen said they recently filled a position to help collect data and to support and develop programming.

Ben Johnson has drafted letters to Safeway and Walmart regarding the location of liquor in their stores. Ben stated that Chief Moody has already done this but he will follow up with additional letters. Ben reiterated that he represents the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Sheriff Salisbury spoke about partnering in the community and locating a facility for a detox center. He informed the group of mental health training and said at the end of the month he will host an eight hour training class for law enforcement and there are already 74 people signed up which is well over the maximum capacity for the class.

Judge Finlay said they have been able to do more civil trials. She spoke about some of the upcoming programs. She said there are a lot of talented people in Probation with a lot of ideas.

Chief Moody spoke about Graduation Matters. He also stated they have done some restructuring at the Shelton Police Department and their investigation teams should be better than in the past.

Chief Vukich stated that drug activity is up.

Mike Evans said they are replacing some of their equipment.

Steve Demars stated that the new superintendent at WCC is doing a great job. They are doing some remodeling at the prison to make things more efficient. He said marijuana is still a felony in DOC. He added that he still thinks there needs to be a criminal justice center to hold offenders. He knows it's a hard decision but he feels we need to move forward. He spoke about possible reception center locations.

Shelby Conklin said they started up EHM for pretrial release. She stated they were in a vicious cycle of catch and release.

Laura Cole spoke about the contract with Spectrum for assessments. The contract is done now as the offenders can now use their insurance for these assessments. The last class will be in January.

Mike Dorcy said they are still trying to implement case software.

Mayor Cronce advised the group that a new City Commissioner will be coming aboard in January.

Judge Goodell said they have a new courtroom for juvenile court.

Ginger Brooks shared some of the statistics on weapons screenings at the Courthouse.

- ◆ Next meeting – January 20, 2015
- ◆ Future Agenda Topics:
 1. January – Update from Undersheriff Barrett
 2. January - JDAI update from Jim Madsen

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Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Almanzor
Clerk of the Board

