

Island County Law & Justice Council Meeting Minutes July 27th, 2022

Present: Jose Briones, Mike Moore, Mike Diamanti, Bill Hawkins, Diana Sandoval, Mike Bailey, Rob Sullivan, Bill Larson, Kathryn Clancy, Teresa Hobbs, Jennifer Heston, Greg Banks, Rick Felici

Next Meeting: August 24th, 2022

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes accepted as written.

III. New Business per Agenda

- **Human Services**
- **Recovery Navigator Program**
- **Sheriff's Office**
- **Jail Update**
- **Preserving Democracy**

Kathryn Clancy / Human Services/Jail RSAT – Kathryn shared that we are developing material and criteria for the program. She identified the human services staff working in the jail and what their roles are. Kathryn shared how we have collaborated with the jail medical staff to provide the services and everyone is on board. Kathryn went on to explain how the program works, how inmates will be selected and how they will be housed on one specific unit within the jail. Kathryn then identified some of our county stakeholders who we would need to work with to ensure the program operates smoothly.

Jose Briones then discussed implementing a screening tool that the P/A's office would help develop to identify subjects that could participate as a diversion type program. Greg Banks spoke about some of the barriers in the past and that he was interested in seeing this move forward.

Jennifer Heston discussed her background with DOC and a similar program as it relates to DOSA and FOSA programs. Kathryn shared this program met 3.3 therapeutic community standards. Greg Banks then explained how DOSA programs work and how we could apply some of the fundamentals towards RSAT.

Bill Larson / Recovery Navigator Program – Bill shared the working group had it's second meeting, has ratified the charter and close to ratifying the policy manual. They have hired 2 case managers and 1 peer counselor. Bill and Kathryn have sat in on some meetings with other counties running this program and they are modeling after it. They expect to have boots on the ground soon and are targeting August 15th.

Rick Felici / Sheriff's Office Updates – Rick shared a policy award the Corrections Division received for maintaining a high level of policy review compliance. He expects the Criminal Division to be receiving one as well. Rick shared some of the current issues trending with the Sheriff's Office in regards to

derelict RV's, the laws as they relate to this issue and enforcement of the issue as they arise. Rick discussed how mental health and housing resources are offered before actions are taken.

Rick then moved on to discuss staffing levels and hiring. The Criminal Division has 6 vacancies with candidates in process. Unfortunately, it takes a long time before a new hire is operational because they have to complete the academy then an additional 3 months of FTO before they are riding solo.

Jose Briones / Jail Update - Jose discussed the jail staffing levels. Currently the jail has 5 positions they are working on filling. The jail has also seen an increase in bookings and population numbers. We are working on lowering that number. Jose discussed some of the current challenges the jail faces with inmate medical and mental health issues. Jose then updated the group on the Jail Security Electronics update and what that consisted of. He shared that the jail was fortunate to have this project in process as two critical components that operate the door controls failed and the staff were keying all doors while the contractor upgraded the equipment.

Jose updated the group on the purchase of the Tek-84 body scanner. He explained what an amazing product this was and how it would greatly reduce the introduction of contraband into the facility.

Diana Sandoval / Preserving Democracy – Diana shared her participation in a local group that attended a webinar on young people being radicalized. Diana explained the current avenues of extremism and how it's capturing the young minds. Her group discussed how to intervene in issues such as this. Diana then referenced a local incident that recently happened in Oak Harbor. Diana then discussed prevention measures. Typically, people are pulled into these types of movements because they are looking for a sense of belonging. Then as they get introduced to these ideas fear based tactics are used to make subjects feel they will lose something if they don't band together. Diana then used the example of ballot security and some of the headlines we are seeing not only nationally but also locally.

III. Round Table Discussion

No round table discussions

Agenda Items for June

1. Review of the minutes
2. Human Services
3. Jail Update
4. Recovery Navigator Program