

Island County Law & Justice Council Meeting Minutes August 24th, 2022

Present: Jose Briones, Mike Moore, Chief Wasser, Debbie R, Mike Bailey, Mike Diamanti, Kirk Augustine, Rob Sullivan, Jill Johnson, Carolyn Cliff, Kathryn Clancy, Taylor Lawson, Terresa Hobbs, Diana Sandoval, Rick Felici, Bill Larsen, Megan Frazier, Greg Banks.

Next Meeting: September 28th, 2022

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes accepted as written.

III. New Business per Agenda

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

Kathryn Clancy / Human Services/Jail RSAT – Kathryn shared an update on RSAT, all staff are in place and all training is completed. The program is targeted to begin middle of October. The plan is to start with a smaller group and expand it to a full living of up to 10 inmates. The program supports treatment within the facility along with a warm handoff to outpatient providers in the community upon release.

Jill Johnson asked how many times an inmate can participate with the transitions program. Kathryn explained the screening process and what services can be provided.

Recovery Navigator Program – Kathryn shared the current staffing model and roles these staff will play. Bill is expected to send out some information on diversion referrals these coming weeks. Kathryn shared the county diversion referral phone number that recovery navigator program staff will monitor. Kathryn explained how the program pairs up and works in conjunction with the courts, programs and law enforcement.

Jill Johnson asked if requesting services for drug treatment or mental health treatment if there are any risks to current legal issues a subject may be going through. Some people may have the stigma that asking for help may have negative outcomes in current or ongoing legal issues.

Greg Banks discussed the positive outcomes of people seeking treatment while working through legal issues.

Rick Felici stated it would be in people's best interest to get help versus ignoring the problem.

Kathryn Clancy then discussed the confidentiality of the program and its participants.

Jill Johnson then asked about a subject being on Warrant Status and if it effected their ability to participate in programs.

Kathryn Clancy explained how Human Services and the Jail work with the PA's Office to get past that barrier to get people into services.

Rick Felici / Sheriff's Office Updates – Rick shared there wasn't much to update the group on. He indicated that Criminal Division is still working on filling vacancies.

Jose Briones / Jail Update - Jose discussed the jail staffing levels. Currently the jail has 5 positions they are working on filling. He explained where candidates are at in the process and that we expect to be filling a few of these positions in the near future.

Security Electronics Update – Jose discussed the current project and how it has progressed. Training is scheduled for staff in the coming weeks on how to use the new software. The project is in it's final stages and should be wrapped up this coming month.

Covid – Jose explained the current Covid quarantine status. The jail was getting ready to come off quarantine status but another living unit tested positive today. Jose shared the impacts Covid has on jail programs and activities.

Body Scanner – Jose gave an update on the Body Scanner and how it will be online October 3rd. He then shared a recent contraband introduction of fentanyl into the facility.

Law Library Program – Jose shared an update on how the new software program CaseMaker is online and inmates are using this program to do legal research. He explained the differences in some of the software options out there and the costs associated with them.

III. Round Table Discussion

Chief Wasser discussed an Officer Wellness program his agency has moved forward with. He shared the benefits of the program and what it provides. He expects to see this program up and running by 2023.

Jill Johnson asked for an update in the coming meetings about how different groups are managing covid and if changes need to be made, are past practices and equipment still serving the need or do adjustments need to be made. She also discussed how the BOCC set aside money for a Law and Justice assessment and wanting to see next steps on this process moving forward.

Agenda Items for September

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