Law and Justice Council of Thurston County
Atrium Board Room 110/Zoom
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16, 2023
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Attendees: Angela Jefferson (Tumwater City Council), Michael Steadman (Lacey City Council), Steve Tilley (citizen member), Judge Mary Sue Wilson (TC Superior Court), Tonya Moore (TC Superior Court), Shelly Willis (Family Education and Support Services), Dontae Payne (Olympia City Council), Carrie Hennen (TC Public Health and Social Services, Interim Pre-Trial Services Director), Kristen Jensen (TC Superior Court), Thomasina Cooper (BoCC), Jon Tunheim (TC Prosecuting Attorney), Tye Menser (County Commissioner), Leah Landon (Criminal Justice Regional Program Manager), Patrick O'Connor (TC Public Defense), Ramiro Chavez (TC County Manager), Bryan Anderson (TC Risk), Chief Robert Almada (Lacey Police Department), Ted Bryan (Juvenile Detention Manager), Christy Peters (Chief of Staff Prosecuting Attorney Office), Trevor Davis (Chief Deputy – Corrections), Mia Pagnotta (Public Defense), Derek Sanders (Sheriff), Marilyn Roberts (National Alliance on Mental Illness), David Bayne (Public Health and Social Services Director), Andy Scroggs (Department of Corrections)

❖ **Welcome & Introductions**
Jon Tunheim welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

❖ **Review & Approve the January 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

❖ **Disparity vs. Disproportionality**
Jon Tunheim started a discussion that came out of the strategic planning meeting about the terminology used for data discussion using the definitions of disparity and disproportionality. Disproportionality – A comparison of the criminal justice population with other populations. Disparity - Looking at the way people are treated at a common decision point in the criminal justice system. Looking for consensus of language to use in data discussion. Leah Landon to send out PowerPoint presentation from Lauren Knoth via email and add on to the meeting minutes.

❖ **Strategic Planning Subcommittee Updates – Vision and Values**
Members of Strategic Planning Subcommittee - Patrick O'Connor (Public Defense Director), Jon Tunheim (Thurston County Prosecutor), Christy Peters (Chief of Staff), Steve Tilley (Citizen), Carrie Hennen (TC Public Health and Social Services, Interim Pre-Trial Services Director), Angela Jefferson(Tumwater City Council), Carla Carter (Deputy Chief), Elizabeth Ingersoll (District Court Judicial Assistant), Leah Landon (Criminal Justice Regional Program Manager). Leah updated the council with the proposed vision - To uphold the rule of law and respect the rights of individuals while promoting rehabilitation and a bias-free justice system, leading to a sage community and justice for all. After discussion, the subcommittee will review again and provide an update to the council.

Values – Equitable, Accountable, Transparent, Collaborative, Innovative, Respectful. Leah to update this document and send back out to the council.

❖ **Data Trends**

Leah Landon presented basic data and crime trends. Pulled NIBERS data, can update on ongoing basis, getting 2022 data shortly and will update. Would like to hear feedback. Feedback received: make 2014 starting year; update pages 7,8 & 14; statewide rate; breakout arrest data. Leah Landon will get feedback incorporated and an updated copy sent out to the council.

❖ **Legislative Bills to Watch**

Leah Landon provide overview -
- o Substitute House Bill 1077 – Referred to senate Law and Justice.
- o Engrossed 2nd Substitute House Bill 1134 – Referred to Health and Long-Term Care.
- o Engrossed House Bill 1324 – Referred to Law and Justice.
- o 2nd Substitute Senate Bill 5120 – Direct Department of Health to license or certify 23-hour crisis relief centers.

❖ **For the Good of the Order-**

❖ **Adjourn -**

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