PURPOSE: Provide an inter-jurisdictional forum for consideration of initiatives and resources to improve criminal justice services, enhance public safety and reduce crime throughout Thurston County.

In attendance: Robin Campbell; Tammy Devlin; Mike Fenton; Ken Garmann; Kristin Guizzetti; Chief John Hutchings; Judge Carol Murphy; Yvonne Pettus; Chief Dusty Pierpoint; Bob Ritchie; Daryl Rodriguez; Dave Schneider; Charles Shelan; Cheryl Selby; Don Sloma, Chief Todd Thoma; Jon Tunheim; Court Commissioner Paul Wohl; Commissioner Cathy Wolfe
Staff: Gail Gosney
       Cliff Moore
       Vickie Larkin
Guests: Sam Meyer and other members of Justice not Jails committee

Introductions:
Jon Tunheim welcomed everyone: self introductions were given. The minutes of the January 16, 2014 Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Olympia Public Safety Initiative:
Chief Ronnie Roberts presented a summary of actions that have been and are being taken to address the rapid increase of opiate use in Olympia, particularly in the downtown core.

- Since January, there are now two Olympia P.D. officers on walking patrol in the downtown core, seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. So far they have received 600 calls for service (OPD averages 18,000 calls per year);
- The City Council is considering declaring FIVE drug free zones in the Olympia downtown area with 1,000 foot perimeters – Hands on Children’s Museum, City Hall, the downtown library, the Olympia Center and ??? If passed, penalties for drug dealing in these areas will be enhanced; it is hoped that the Drug Free zones will increase public safety and serve as a deterrent to drug dealing in these areas;
As of April 1, an OPD detective will be assigned to the Drug Task Force to help investigate and resolve cases of drug trafficking – the Task Force is helping to provide information about crime networks that have people in numerous cities/counties up and down the 1-5 corridor;

In February, the Olympia City Council passed an “Alcohol Impact Area” ordinance which prohibits the sale of high alcohol content liquor in downtown stores;

OPD is bringing on 20 new officers in the first 6 months of 2014 – this is a lot of new personnel to train, but after a few months the OPD police force will be fully staffed;

The Downtown Ambassadors project has stepped up efforts to collect used syringes in the downtown core and keep the streets cleaner and more pedestrian friendly;

OPD officers are continuing to work closely with Community Youth Services, Sidewalk and Capital Recovery Center staff to try to find options other than jail for individuals who have not committed serious crimes;

By working with the Olympia Downtown Association, business owners, downtown churches and community agencies, OPD officers are trying to engage the public more in public safety activities in downtown Olympia;

Working with Crime Stoppers to develop signage and messaging about safety and crime prevention;

Working with Thurston County Public Health Department to support fixed areas for safe needle exchange;

Increasing enforcement efforts with downtown bars to reduce number of people leaving bars in a dangerously intoxicated staff;

And, working with the Olympia Downtown Association and the Economic Development Council to increase opportunities for positive business development in the downtown core.

The Chief talked about looking at models in Tacoma and Clark County to reduce illicit drug use in public areas, but the lack of treatment options is a barrier to providing safe options for both drug users and members of the public who wish to shop downtown.

**Law & Justice Work Group:**
Jon Tunheim gave an update on the work of the County Law and Justice Workgroup which is focusing on efforts to reduce jail beds; increase community service, electronic home monitoring and work release options for sentencing; review Pre-Trial Services functions and find sustainable funding if possible; provide holistic defense services; develop a re-licensing program for individuals charged with Driving with License Suspended in the 3rd degree; and develop a system of charging cases called “differential case management”. Most of these efforts are been driven by reduced budgets, but also by a desire to re-design the county’s criminal justice system.
with a focus on early intervention, reduction of repeat offenses and appropriate consequences for serious crimes. Jon will provide a progress report on these efforts at the next meeting.

**Law and Justice Leadership:**
Jon reminded Council members that elections for Council Chair and Vice-Chair need to take place at the May meeting. The Vice-Chair position is currently vacant. Jon is willing to serve again as Chair, but is also willing to step down if someone else is interested in the position. Please email nominations to Gail Gosney (gosneyg@co.thurston.wa.us) by May 2, 2014.

**Updates:**
- Gail Gosney reported that Thurston County has been selected by the State of Washington to receive $1.88M in capital funding for a hardened triage facility for mentally ill adults; Mark Freedman, Social Services Director at TCPHSS is working with DSHS to get a written contract and with Thurston County Central Services to find viable options for a facility.
- Friendship is starting a pilot project, funded with user fees, to monitor individuals charged with DUI’s on a 24x7 basis.
- Community Youth Services is having an open house of their new facility, Brighter Futures Youth Center, on Friday, March 28 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. All members of the Council are invited to attend. The new Center houses Rosie’s Place, the Youth Shelter (6 beds) and the Gravity School.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting, May 15, 2014 4:30 PM, County building 1, room 280**
- Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair
- Presentation on holistic defense and LEAD
- Update on Thurston Thrives –Don & Faith
- Update on actions taken by the County Law & Justice Work Group
- Other updates

**Law & Justice Council meetings – 2014 (4:30-6:00 p.m. in County bldg 1, room 280)**
- May 15
- July 17
- September 18
- November 13