

Law and Justice Council of Thurston County Zoom Meeting/The Atrium Board Room Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 20, 2023, 4:00 pm – 5:25 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Jon Tunheim welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 4:00 pm. Everyone introduced themselves. The council meeting was held in person and over Zoom.

Attendees

Robert Almada (Lacey Police Chief)	Mark Freedman (TMBHASO)
Wayne Graham (Prosecutor's Office)	Jason Bean-Mortinson (TMBHASO)
Carrie Hennen (Pretrial Services)	Keylee Marineau (PHSS)
Angela Jefferson (Tumwater City Council)	Kate Strozyk (PHSS)
Kristen Jensen (Superior Court)	Steve Tilley (Citizen member)
Leah Landon (Criminal Justice Program	Jon Tunheim (Prosecutor)
Manager)	Mary Sue Wilson (Superior Court Judge)
Patrick O'Connor (Public Defense)	Devi Ogden (Racial Equity Program
Dontae Payne (Olympia City Council)	Manager)
Trevor Davis (Chief of Jail)	Marshall Glass (Boulder Care)
Ted Bryan (Juvenile/Family Court)	Matt Whitaker (Boulder Care)
Kelly Olson (Civil Survival)	Nate Block (Resource Hub)
Andy Scroggs (DOC)	Tonya Moore (Superior Court)
Neil Calmjoy (Arrest and Jail Alternatives)	Chelyn Sowers (PHSS)
Jen Freiheit (PHSS)	Holly Smith (Yelm City Council)
Diane Whaley (Olympia Community Court)	

Review & Approval Meeting Minutes

Jon Tunheim asked for approval on the May 18, 2023, meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Introduction: Devi Ogden, Racial Equity Program Manager

Leah Landon introduced Devi Ogden to the group. Devi joined the county as the new Racial Equity Program Manager at the end of June.

Boulder Care Overview

Marshall Glass and Matt Whitaker gave an overview of the services Boulder provides through telehealth. The full presentation is available upon request.

Thurston County Jail Updates

Chief Trevor Davis provided an update on the jail. Booking restrictions will end on August 1, 2023. The jail is currently facing challenges with staffing, as they are down 23/91 staff. The jail also made the decision to put the Options programs on pause and use those staff to fill gaps at the jail.

AA and NA are still going, and those meetings are getting back to in-person. The jail has also implemented a K9 program and staff will start training at the end of July.

The jail recently added a Narcan dispenser for people so they can take some with them upon release. Individuals can take more than one if wanted, and the Narcan is supplied by the Washington Department of Health.

Questions were asked about what happens when the booking restrictions end but the jail is short-staffed. Chief Davis said they will continue working closely with other stakeholders but will contract beds as needed or pause certain bookings if it reaches that point.

Measures for Justice Grant Updates

Wayne Graham reported that the project has seen delays due to the move to E-Prosecutor. At this time PAO has determined that there are some data elements they wish they had been collecting and will collect moving forward, but the historical data just will not be as good.

- The first data dump has occurred, and PAO is still working on creating a community advisory board.
- Measures for Justice team will be coming out in August and will be onboarding PAO then.

Following the meeting, additional information was provided by the project team in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office:

- As Wayne mentioned, the PAO identified some data elements that were not captured in the past and have started collecting that data on incoming cases. Staff have also gone back and added these data to cases dating back to October 2020, which will be the starting point of data displayed on the data dashboard.
- The first data extraction will take place in September.
- Measures for Justice will conduct a site visit in August ahead of the Community Advisory Board Onboarding Retreat in late September. The PAO will seek input from the group to recruit a few more community members.

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Leah updated the group on how the county intends to move forward with handling simple possession cases when the bill takes effect on August 15. The county has held several internal meetings to work out the logistics of these cases and will continue to do so. In addition, the county will meet with the cities in mid-September to check in with them as well.

Chief Almada added that in Lacey, 1.3 of their officers are new which means it will take time for them to learn how to navigate the narcotics cases.

For the Good of the Order

Katie Strozyk shared that International Overdose Awareness Day will be held in Heritage Park from 1-7pm on August 31.

Adjourn

5:25 pm – Jon moved to adjourn the meeting the next meeting is September 21, 2023.

Meetings for 2023

July 20
September 21
November 16