



Law and Justice Council of Thurston County
 Zoom Meeting/The Atrium
 Board Room
 Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, September 21, 2023, 4:00 pm – 5:25 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Patrick O’Connor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 4:05 pm. Everyone introduced themselves. The council meeting was held in person and over Zoom.

Attendees

Robert Almada (Lacey Police Chief)	Jason Bean-Mortinson (TMBHASO)
Bryan Anderson (Risk Management)	Patrick O’Connor (Public Defense)
Robin Campbell (Interim County Manager)	Christy Peters (Prosecutor’s Office)
Trevor Davis (Corrections)	Derek Sanders (Sheriff)
Elizabeth Drake (Dispute Resolution)	Holly Smith (Yelm City Council)
Rob Gelder (Assistant. County Manager)	Chelyn Sowers (PHSS)
Carrie Hennen (Pretrial Services)	Michael Steadman (Lacey City Council)
Elizabeth Ingersoll (District Court)	Susan Strong (Prosecutor’s Office)
Angela Jefferson (Tumwater City Council)	Kate Strozyk (PHSS)
Leah Landon (Criminal Justice Program)	Tara Tsehlana (Prosecutor’s Office)
Keylee Marineau (PHSS)	Mary Sue Wilson (Superior Court Judge)
Tye Menser (Commissioner)	

Review & Approval Meeting Minutes

Correction to the 20, 2023 minutes: Holly Smith attended the meeting, she was left off the list of those in attendance. With this correction the minutes were approved.

Strategic Planning Updates

A handout was provided and is available online. (Attached to minutes) Leah read through the document. This draft document was put together by a subcommittee consisting of: Chief Carla Carter, Carrie Hennen, Elizabeth Ingersoll, Angela Jefferson, Leah Landon, Patrick O’Connor, Devi Ogden, Christy Peters, Steve Tilley and Jon Tunheim. If you have any feedback for this document, please get to Leah by 5:00 pm on September 27, 2023.

Updated Crime Trends

A handout was provided (attached to minutes) and is available online. Leah read through the document. There were a few suggestions from the group including request to include a definition section to define the crimes and to share there was a 12-month time frame with no jury trials and an additional 18 months of only half the trials going because of social distancing

Restorative Justice Overview

Elizabeth Drake gave a presentation. The presentation will be provided with the minutes and online. (Attached to minutes) There were a couple questions, does a victim of a crime have any input, the answer is yes. How old is the program, the answer, fairly new it is a pilot program starting in 2021.

E2SSB 5536 Implementation Updates

Brief discussion that data is being collected on trends. Referrals are made to Jason. People with a substance use disorder are eligible to participate. So far, the program is flexible, meeting people's needs and is working with the courts. The sheriff asked his office to be updated as they do not want to fill the jail with simple possession charges.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Menser shared Olympia Police Department has a Blake hot line. The Administration Office of the Courts has a Refund Portal. He is on a committee with the Sentencing Guideline Committee that is working on a new sentencing grid, including changes in ranges.

LEAD will be celebrating 2 years of service on Friday, September 29 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at Tumwater Historical Park, lunch will be provided, please let Leah know if you plan to attend.

Adjourn

5:25 pm – Leah moved to adjourn the meeting the next meeting is November 16.

Meetings for 2023

January 19	July 20
March 16	September 21
May 18	November 16

Law and Justice Council Website Link

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