

## **Island County Law & Justice Council Meeting Minutes January 24, 2018**

*Present:* Michael O'Mahony, Jackie Henderson, Jose Briones, Lionel Peoples Sr., Kirk Augustine, Jerry Betts, Gary Swanson, Mayor Tim Callison, Catherine Ballay, Greg Banks, Rick Felici, Jose Briones, Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson, Sheriff Mark Brown

*Also Present:* None Noted

*Next Meeting:* February 28, 2018

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees listed above. Meeting convened at 12:05 pm

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion:* It was noted that the minutes were not available

*Vote:*

*Resolved:*

### **III. Co-Chair Nominations**

- Andrew Somers has stepped down from his position as Co-Chair after serving on the Council for 2 years.
- Rick Felici opened the discussion with nominating Jose Briones as Co-Chair.
- A group discussion was had and no other nominations were made.
- Sheriff Brown indicated he didn't want the appearance that he Law & Justice Council appeared to be top heavy with both Chief Felici and Chief Briones as Co-Chairs.
- The council supported the idea of both Rick and Jose being the Council Co-Chairs.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Price-Johnson and seconded by Chief Dresker to nominate Jose Briones.
- The council voted and approved by majority Jose as the Co-Chair.

### **IV. Law & Justice Purpose Statement**

- The group has been working on a purpose statement for over the past 12 months.
- Jose presented to the group some options so that a decision could be made at the meeting and so that the council could then move forward.
- The following council members gave input;
  - Kevin discussed the RCW position of jail language
  - Kurt was against adding the word Corrections to the statement as it narrows the councils purpose
  - Lionel indicated he didn't want to see specific language either
  - Jose discussed the differences in the statement and then setting goals/strategies
  - Helen indicated it needed to be service delivery oriented for the county and that the goals in 2018 should be specific and measurable
  - Rick asked if there were any more thought from the group for changes
  - Lionel stated the group needed a mission statement
  - The group discussed the council would move forward with the proposed purpose statement with no language specific to corrections and further agreed to move forward with developing goals and strategies

Motion: Jose made the motion to adopt the new purpose statement  
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.  
Resolved: Purpose Statement adopted.

**V. Criminal/Corrections Divisions Update**

- Rick reported on the hiring of several new Patrol Deputies who would be starting in the coming weeks. This only leaves the Sheriff's Office with 1 current vacancy. Rick also discussed the retirement of Evan Tingstad and how that has created a Lieutenant vacancy that an assessment center will be held for in March.
- Jose reported out on a few new programs in the jail; MAT and Telehealth. The MAT Program helps inmates begin a treatment program to help them with opioid addiction. The jail is going to conduct a 90 trial to gather data and to determine what impacts the program will have not only on the jail but the community. The Telehealth program is also a pilot and it is being conducted with DSHS and the Mental Health Forensic Unit out of Western State Hospital. This program was designed to provide court ordered competency assessments at an expedited rate. Wait times for assessments can range from weeks to months under the current system. This prolongs the stay of the inmate waiting to be assessed and or possibly treated. With the new video system in place inmates can now be assessed within days of the court order via a video conferencing system set up in the jail that links to DSHS sites across the state.
- Jose also reported that the jail is fully staffed and there are no current vacancies.

**Meeting adjourned at 13:00**

Respectfully submitted,

Jose Briones, Chief Jail Administrator