

**Island County Law & Justice Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2018**

Present: David Marks, Tim Callison, Chris Garden, Greg Banks, Jose Briones, and Lionel Peoples.

Also Present: Mr. Rufus Rose (member of the Substance Abuse Coalition)

Next Meeting: March 28, 2018

I. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees listed above. Meeting convened at 12:10 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Banks made a motion to amend the minutes from last month as to the minutes stating he was present when, in fact, he wasn't. Chief Briones strikes his Mr. Bank's name. Marshall Garden made motion to accept the minutes from last month. Mayor Callison seconded the motion. The motion passes and the minutes are accepted.

III. Roundtable

Chief Briones suggested pushing today's agenda to next month as there were limited appearances today. Everyone present was in agreement.

Signed letters of acceptance were available for Gary Swanson, Kirk Augustine, Michael O'Mahony and Paul; Mr. O'Mahoney has declined due to prior commitments.

Chief Briones addressed the table regarding Telehealth and inmates already being screened with a start day of Monday. There is a newspaper article from the east coast that Chief Briones will forward to all members before the next meeting addressing this program. The expectations with Telehealth and Western is that it will take less time for inmates to meet/see a psychiatrist for a mental health exam, when court ordered. The wait time is expected to go down to approximately less than one month. Mr. Banks inquired as to whether this was part of a pilot program and Chief Briones states that yes, and that there are only four counties right now (Snohomish, Grays, Yakima and Island) participating.

Mayor Callison inquired about inner agency contracts and if anything was going to change between the jail and Langley. Chief Briones indicated there is no intent on the Sheriff's side of the house to change the status quo. Both agencies benefit from mutual cooperation. Chief Briones did indicate that if any unforeseen medical costs came up with a pre-sentence inmate the arresting agency would be responsible for the costs as per the RCW.

Chief Marks inquired about Fentanyl and whether it has made an appearance up here. Chief Briones hasn't seen it in the jail but did state that he had heard, from an outside agency, that within the next five years Heroin will be out and Fentanyl pills will be making a bigger presence. As a side note, the report has not been published as of yet. Mr. Banks stated that there was information sent out by WASPIC that gave general protocols and procedures regarding handling of certain types of drugs. Chief marks states that they are changing the type of gloves they wear when handling drugs as the ones they use are not compliant.

Chief Marks asked if the Sheriff's Office was seeing any issues with Fentanyl. Chief Briones and Marshall Garden indicated we hadn't seen anything new but was aware it was being used in the community. The discussion then segued into patrol carrying Narcan in their cars. Currently Langley has deployed Narcan out to their patrol staff and recently saved a life with it. Chief Briones reported that Fentanyl is becoming a larger issue not just in the field but also prisons and jails. Exposures to staff are becoming more prevalent and many agencies are now stocking Narcan in their facilities for staff exposures when searching inmate property or sorting incoming mail. Marshall Garden states that it was important to get the Narcan to other first responders, i.e. firefighters, paramedics, etc., as they might actually be the first ones to respond to a situation before a deputy can arrive.

Chief Marks asked about Active Shooter discussions and training. Chief Briones indicated that training was coming to the south side of the island around May of this year and that Langley should be participating. Chief Marks indicated he was in communication with ICSO over the training and they would be attending.

Chief Briones addressed the members as to plotting out the year as to what is/should be accomplished and setting goals. There was some talk about diversionary programs, i.e. work release, work crew, mental health court, weekend jail. Chief Briones states that we do not have available dedicated spaces for work release and/or work crew and with either of these; if inmates stayed in general population there could be drug introduction. Jail commitment is about three to four months out. Mr. Banks would need more data regarding Mental Health Court as to its efficacy and recidivism.

Mr. Rufus Rose asked a question of the group in relation to the coalition he belongs to and asked what part, if any, the Law and Justice Committee wanted from them. The group has become dormant because they have been waiting around on the Law and Justice Committee. Mayor Callison provided Mr. Rose with a copy of this boards Purpose Statement directing him to Purposes 1-3 and to the tasks, efforts and what their charter is at the next meeting. Chief Briones indicated that he would give the group 15 minutes at the April meeting to explain their purpose and how they think they could assist.

There was discussion regarding legislation – changing language re officer involved shooting and a facility to be built in Oak Harbor.

Greg Banks raised the point that the attendance was low and that the group used to be more notable and publicly attended. Greg also indicated that the committee used to advertise in the newspaper to raise community awareness. Chief Briones indicated that the Chairs would do a better job of broadcasting the meetings and would cast a wider net to inform the community.

Meeting adjourned at 1302