

**Island County Law & Justice Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2018**

Present:

Chris Garden	Mark Brown	<i>Lionel Peoples Sr</i>	<i>Kirk Augustine</i>	<i>Catherine Ballay</i>
Gary Swanson	Tim Callison	<i>Bill Hawkins</i>	<i>Helen Price Johnson</i>	<i>Mike Bailey</i>
Rick Felici	Jose Briones	<i>Diane Paul</i>	<i>Rufus Rose*</i>	<i>Suzy Palmer*</i>
Thomas Gill*	Gerald Betts			<i>*Substance Abuse Coalition</i>

Next Meeting: April 25, 2018

I. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees listed above. Meeting convened at 12:07.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chief Felici inquired as to any corrections to the March 25th minutes. Sgt. Garden states he was here, Ms. Ballay corrected the spelling of her last name, and there was a typo in the agenda items which should have been 2017. Commissioner Price Johnson made motion to approve amended minutes. Mr. Peoples seconded the motion. The corrected minutes are approved.

III. Agenda Items

Island County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (ICSAPC)

Mr. Gill addressed the committee about what they have been doing in the past five years to include raising awareness in the community of the illegal activities and put some pressure on one of their members, Chief Marks (Langley Police Department), about LEO's carrying Narcan. ICSAPC would like to independently gather and publish information from various government entities and share with community at large, to gather data from neighboring counties to see what has worked or not worked within those counties, and to reinforce personal responsibility with people they interact with. In short what they really want to do is support getting people off of the abuse of dangerous substances and the criminal activities that go on in our community.

Ms. Ballay suggested that Mr. Gill talk with Laura Luginbill (Assessment and Healthy Communities Director) in the County, which he states that she is a member of the committee and is a source of information. The floor was opened for comments and questions. It was suggested to make a regular agenda item where a representative of the Substance Abuse Coalition addresses the council.

Mr. Rufus addressed the council regarding his motive for being on the ICSAPC, and states that he and an associate were burglarized and that is why he became a member; he also read a statement which is attached.

Ms. Paul, who works with kids and parents in the probation department through Juvenile Court Services, suggests perhaps one person could be assigned that they can deal with and run things by within the Law and Justice Council, to have a cleaner line of communication. Chief Felici states that he would be willing to be a pipeline and disseminate to the rest of the members. Judge Hawkins made a motion to continue with the sub-committee and then, if approved, to have them continue with monthly updates in front of the council and the sitting chair would be the pipeline. Ms. Ballay seconded the motion. Mr. Swanson applauds what Mr. Gill and the sub-committee are doing. Ms. Price-Johnson made further comments. The motion was approved and will meet after the Law and Justice Council meetings at 1:00 pm.

2017 Calls to Service Data

Chief Felici went over the data that goes through I-COM (9-1-1) system as pertains to the Sheriff's office only. Chief Felici inquired of the rest of the committee as to whether there needs to further break down of the data as to what peaks their interest, etc. Looking at the total from 2007 and 2016, 2017; statistically same numbers, significantly different when you break the crimes out (burglaries were used). Chief Felici also addressed items that stood out to him such as fraud and suicide and how they are entered when called in to dispatch. He states that he and Chief Briones are still looking into all this data and the different ways it can be mined. Ms. Ballay wondered if there was something that could be done, like a personal service announcement, to notify the public. Chief Felici states there is talk about his office using social media for this type of thing. Sheriff Brown informed the council about a recent scam which was using his name. He also explained the Elert system through the Island County website. Ms. Paul asked if the scams were mostly senior citizens, which it isn't but it's across the board, and suggested different types of a messaging service such as posting at a bank or senior center focusing on people that aren't on social media. Ms. Parker states that her neighbor had \$3,500 out of her bank account without her knowledge. Chief Felici advised that she report this to law enforcement, which he states he can help facilitate with. Sgt. Garden described a recent incident that involved scams. Mayor Callison states that they have had two community meetings in Langley and states you have to keep talking about it for people to remember.

2017 Jail Booking Data

Chief Briones addressed the council regarding the booking statistics. Ms. Paul inquired as to what was an assault, which was explained by Sgt. Garden. Judge Hawkins explained the correlation between bookings, probation violations and failures to appear (FTA). Mr. Betts inquired as to whether this information could be separated by population growth and could it be narrowed to the top 80%. Mayor Callison inquired as to including Langley Police Department and Oak Harbor Police Department for a complete data. Sheriff Brown states that Island County is the 6th safest county from all the counties in Washington and it is the 9th densest. Chief Briones states that due to the time constraints this issue will be on the next agenda. The meeting is recessed at 1:04 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1302