

Island County Law & Justice Council Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2018

Helen Price Johnson	Jerry Betts	Robert McKay	Catherine Ballay
Mark Brown	Lionel Peoples	Jose Briones	Greg Banks
Rick Felici	Rufus Rose		

I: Welcome and Introductions

Attendees listed above. Meeting convened at 12:08 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the previous minutes and was seconded. All parties were in favor and the minutes approved.

III: Roundtable

Chief Felici addressed the attendees regarding the attachments to the meeting invite, which Chief Briones states that is how all additional data, i.e. graphs, statistics, etc., will be passed along to the members. Chief Felici talked about the statistics regarding patrol calls, which are calls that come through I-COM (9-1-1); he states that the calls seem consistent from one year to the next but what has changed is the amount of time an officer/deputy spends on a call. Chief Felici states he is working with "Jack" about options or hybrids of options, i.e., an imbedded social worker that can work directly with patrol.

Questions were asked about the rumor about calling 9-1-1, in this instance a domestic violence case, and stating that you need to order a pizza and 9-1-1 will know it is and ask the appropriate questions; also asked about what is done with hang up calls. Chief Felici explained procedures regarding the latter and expounded on a program/app called "Stancil", which is when 911 is called it records prior to the operator picking up. 9-1-1 does attempt to make a call back on hang-ups to confirm an emergency.

Chief Briones addressed the attendees regarding the jail data and suggests that the members look into the data and see the highs and lows; upticks in DUI, Failure's to Appear, Property Crime, and Drug Use driving our numbers up.

A discussion regarding how to motivate substance abusers into treatment before they turn to criminal act; mental health and substance abuse sources are driving up crimes. Mr. McKay states that in today's society, it is not just substances that people are becoming addicted to.

Mr. Rose says that the book he is currently reading is relevant to what is being discussed today, and he encourages everyone to read it. The book entitled, *The Freedom Model*, can be found at Amazon, or a synopsis of the book can be found here <https://www.thefreedommodel.org/book/>.

Chief Briones states that only seven people have used the Medication Assisted Program (MAT) at the jail. He also states that there is a newer medication being tried, Vivitrol. He states that this is an injectable and has a 30 day life in the person so that if they were to take heroin or opioids, there would be no benefit. (To learn more....<https://www.vivitrol.com/>). With Suboxone, the person could just stop the medication and go directly back to using. Mr. McKay inquired as to treatment options regarding opioids vs methamphetamine. Chief Briones states that they are trying to mine the data and that serious mental illness patients turn to methamphetamine as a self-medication. He also states that there is a 60-70 day wait to get into Western State Hospital.

What the Board would like to know is if the information provided is helpful to members? Would you like to see more or less? Agenda items?

Ms. Ballay states that she would like to have Ms. Jackie Henderson speak to the committee about the issues she sees from her point of view. Sheriff Brown suggested finding out what it takes to be a CDHMP, what it involves, how they are designated, which Chief Briones states they are now designated as Crisis Responders. If anyone is interested in looking further into this, a good starting point would be RCW 71.05.760.

Commissioner Johnson Price-Johnson is interested in how other communities share information to the public. Suggestions made were to post the agenda and minutes to the County website; look at how Pacific County does theirs, perhaps some outreach to them; and to make the meetings more open to the public. Mr. Betts states that perhaps publishing the service calls to the public so that they can get a better understanding of what our deputies/officers are actually dealing with.

Ms. Ballay brings up Ms. Paul's recent e-mail regarding agenda items for future and Sheriff Brown states that the board will be responding to this.

The question brought up towards the end is "what do we want to put out there on the site?"; this conversation can be continued via e-mail.

The meeting convened at 1:08.

Felici made motion to adjourn.