

SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES – 2/12/20

Chair: Commissioner Al French

Vice-Chair: Justin Bingham

Meeting Date:
02/12/20

Meeting Location:
SRHD Room 140

Start Time: 12:00 p.m.
Adjourn Time: 1:30 p.m.

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| Mayor Nadine Woodward | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mayor@Spokanecity.org | Mayor of Spokane |

Proxies:

Curtis Hampton for Carmen Pacheco-Jones

Present:

Maggie Yates, Regional Law & Justice Administrator

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Updates
 - a. Update on community representative
 - b. Judge Leland's FTA grace period pilot
 - c. Court date reminders at booking
 - d. Blueprint status report
 - e. Justice Task Force
4. Other news/announcements
5. Adjourn

Minutes:

- Item #1: Commissioner French, Chair, opened the meeting. Welcome/Introductions.
- Item #2: Motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2019 made by Erin Williams-Hueter (Community Representative). Seconded by Cary Driskell (City Attorney, City of Spokane Valley). Motion carried unanimously.
- Item #3: Updates.
 - Update on Community Representative: Applications have been reopened for the SRLJC Community Representative position and will close on February 28.
 - John Haley, SLRJC Community Representative, moved to revisit the SRLJC Bylaws to include a section allowing Community Representatives to retain their seat until another individual is appointed to fill the position. Curtis Hampton, proxy for Carmen Pacheco-Jones, seconded.
 - The motion did not pass: 2 yeas, 19 nays.
 - Judge Leland's FTA grace period pilot: Judge Leland gave a presentation on an FTA grace period he has been piloting in his courtroom. Under this initiative, an intern and/or pre-trial services reaches out to individuals who have missed their court date and notifies them that they have until that Friday to voluntarily return to court before a warrant is issued.
 - Court date reminders at booking: Phase I of the court date reminder expansion is underway and individuals who are being booked and released from Jail are now being enrolled in Uptrust.
 - Phase II of the court date reminder expansion will look at enrolling individuals who are released at first appearance.
 - Blueprint status report: Last year the Board of County Commissioners authorized the reconvening of the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to complete a status report on the Blueprint for Reform. The CJC has been holding meetings with criminal justice stakeholders across the system and expect to complete the report by the end of March.
 - Justice Task Force: At the last Justice Task Force meeting, consultants from JFA presented a jail population forecast and impact analysis. Task Force members then voted to recommend initiatives to the Board of County Commissioners for review.
 - Next steps: Validate assumptions and findings and meet with stakeholders to gauge the feasibility of implementing the recommended initiatives.
- Other news/announcements.
 - Temporary jail structures: The Board of County Commissioners has authorized a feasibility study looking at temporary jail structures as a way of immediately addressing overcrowding at the Jail while other long-term solutions are considered.
 - Individuals held pre-trial: Concern over the number of individuals held pre-trial has sparked a number of initiatives across the criminal justice system, including an intake and releasing center, supervised release, the FTA grace period pilot, and improvements to case processions.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: 3/11/20

Scribe: Kelsey Kamitomo