

SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES - 06/12/2019

Chair: Al French		Vice-Chair: Justin Bingham	
Meeting Date: 06/12/2019		Meeting Location: SRHD Room 140	
		Start Time: 12:00 p.m. Adjourn Time: 1:30 p.m.	
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Agenda:

1. Welcome/ Introductions
2. Approval of April 10, 2019 minutes
3. Announcements
4. Jail Booking Model – Commissioner French
5. Adjourn

Minutes:

- April 10 minutes – Motion to approve made by Breean Beggs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Announcements:
 - Governor’s office visit recap
 - Introduction of Dianne Linquist – newly hired Criminal Justice Data Analyst
 - Racial Equity Committee receiving award from Access to Justice Board
 - Mental Health Crisis Facility – contracting with Pioneer Human Services for service provider ([video](#)).
- Montgomery Co. Maryland CJ System visit discussion: (Presentation will be on SRLJC website)
 - Jim Austin (who will be assisting us) also assisted in Montgomery Co.’s planning
 - Suggestions: portable office to assist with booking and court processing
 - Questions from Admin Committee on Montgomery Co.’s processes:
 - What info does the judge have at this initial hearing? Criminal history and facts of current charge.
 - Is there a role for Pretrial Services? Yes. OPTS interviews the individual voluntarily and assesses possible programs they may be eligible for.
 - Do they have a risk assessment done like the PSA? Yes. OPTS runs an assessment on the individual after the interview. (Montgomery Co. uses a locally validated risk assessment tool).
 - Is there the ability for attorneys to make arguments at this hearing? Yes. Counsel is present at both the initial hearing and at the subsequent review hearing.
 - Demographics of Montgomery Co.: (in presentation)
 - % of pretrial population: approx. 50%
 - # of staff involved: 2 officers, Court commissioner, (no overnight clerk)
 - County does provide for transportation for those who are released overnight.
 - Can all charges move through this process? Yes
 - Commissioner French would like to arrange to have a representative from Montgomery County to come to Spokane to field questions.
 - This is only one piece of the Montgomery County jail reduction strategy
 - Other questions/comments:
 - How is medical screening taken care of?
 - How much do you see this reducing the population to realize savings? Hopefully a significant reduction of pretrial population with a modest investment.
 - What about weekends? Montgomery Co. staffs on weekends.
 - How do they work with victim services to make sure particularly in DV cases and making sure victims have safety? Mont. Co. has a victim’s program in place.
 - Failure to appear (FTA) is a huge issue. Have they seen a decrease/increase?
 - What effect does this system have on crime rates?
 - What case management system do they use?
 - Turn-around time? Access to police/law enforcement reports?
 - Technology is always a question/issue
 - Is Pretrial Services on the same 24/7 schedule?
 - A: What are current Book & Release #'s? Sparber will get info.
 - Suggestion: create a workgroup to look at current data and compare to this model and see if we will be able to make significant and financially feasible changes
 - Suggestion: Have this person be present at the Racial Equity meeting while here?
- Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: July 10, 2019**Scribe:** Karen Westberg – Law & Justice Staff Asst.