



Law and Justice Council of Thurston County  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 21, 2022  
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

### **Welcome & Introductions**

The Council Meeting was conducted over Zoom for Council members, and in person for the public. Public Defense Director Patrick O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Welcome and introductions were made and an electronic sign in sheet is on record.

The minutes from October 21, 2021 were approved.

### **Overview of New Law and Justice Legislative Bills (Review of Passed Legislation)**

Leah Landon, Criminal Justice Regional Program Manager, provided the council with a written overview of the new Law and Justice Legislative bills for 2022. She verbally went over her highlights, discussing bills that relate to the courts, bills relating to firearms, bills relating to victims, bill relating to law enforcement and a bill that related to the disclosure of sensitive records for formerly incarcerated individuals. There was discussion amongst the council regarding the LFO bill relating to restitution, whether ghost firearms were an issue in Thurston County, and the modifications made and changes still needed in regards to law enforcement legislation.

### **Data Subcommittee Update**

Leah Landon, Criminal Justice Regional Program Manager, provided an update on her efforts with the Data Subcommittee. First meeting was on December 17<sup>th</sup>, sent survey to participants requesting information on what they would like to see in a vision statement. Feedback received was - fair, equitable, efficient, transparent, accountable and reliable. Went out on leave, just returning and will get something scheduled to continue conversation on this.

### **Introduction of Jackie Velasco – Resource Hub Manager**

Patrick O'Connor introduced Jackie Velasco, Resource Hub Manager to the council. Updates provided was two components, physical space in building 4 and developed partnerships with external stakeholders. Furniture is expected the first week of May, space is newly renovated. Looked into partnerships that were accessible and holistic. Behavioral health, treatment and education. DSHS, NAMI, PAC MTN, TCVLS the TC Food bank and the Moore right group have all partnered in this endeavor. There was discussion amongst the council regarding being open or by appointment only. Soft opening is planned for now, tentatively being opened Monday, Wednesday and Friday for half days for drop ins. Jackie explained that she is about a month out from opening.

## **LFO Day**

Patrick O'Connor provided an update on the County's planned LFO day. Stakeholders are in place, Leah Landon will be lending a hand, and we are fully committed in hosting a LFO day. Target date is later this summer and there will be more information to come.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM.

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