

Law & Justice Council of Thurston County
Minutes – November 17, 2016

In Attendance:

Voting Members	Voting Members	Nonvoting	Nonvoting	Nonvoting
Bud Blake	Eileen Swarthout	Robin Campbell	Vickie Larkin	Susan Strong
Joe DePento	Jon Tunheim	Ramiro Chavez	Anne Larsen	Diane Whaley
Mike Fenton		Liz Davis	Mary Ann O'Garro	
Carol Murphy		Rocio Ferguson	Christy Peters	
Daryl Rodrigues		Kevin Jones	Megan Porter	

Meeting was called to order by Jon T. at 4:30 pm. The minutes from the September 22, 2016 meeting were approved.

Jon introduced Mary Ann O'Garro from Public Health and Social Services. She is helping with Thurston Thrives Action Teams in obtaining performance measurers from each team. A discussion about what the council should use as measurable took place. Where will the data come from? (Dean Runolfson in TST has done research on performance measurers, he might be a good person to get the data from, also suggested, The Washington Institute of Public Policy does data tracking)

There was a discussion about recidivism, and how is it defined and measured. Department of Corrections measures recidivism admission to admission, Drug Court measures recidivism conviction to conviction (within 5 years)

The goal of the measurable(s) is to produce some data stats, good information that could be shared publically within 6 months.

The role of the council was discussed. The initial charter was reviewed, the original council wanted this group to be more an informational sharing meeting. What does this group want the role to be now? Some common ground found, cooperation between jurisdictions, reduce duplication, improve communication, and education.

Daryl introduced Diane Whaley who gave the group an overview of Olympia's Community Court. The court address low level crimes, and connect them with providers on sight. She said the soft opening was in January 2016, they have been tracking data since July 2016 and in 2017 they plan to have a hard opening. Some provider services include, housing, education, employment, mental health, veterans, basic needs, and transportation. It was suggested Diane come back to a later meeting for a presentation on the Community Court.

The next meeting is January 19, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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