



**Law and Justice Council of Thurston County
Thurston County Courthouse Building 1 Room 280
Minutes Thursday July 19 2018**

- I. Welcome and Introduction – Patrick O’Connor called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm welcome and introductions were made (a sign in sheet is on record).
- II. The minutes from April 19, 2018 were approved.
- III. FLIP
 - a. Judges Eric Price and Christine Schaller went over the history, mission, and progress of the Felony Leadership Improvement Project (FLIP), comprised of county officials and department representatives to work collaboratively with other stakeholders on system changes towards an efficient process for fair and timely resolution of cases.
 - b. The Judges acknowledged gaps identified by stakeholders in 2017, including the impact of new calendars, accommodation during implementation of changes, case backlog where new process doesn’t apply, and discussed how the improvements being applied to those gaps.
 - c. Patrick O’Connor noted that despite challenges, starting in June we’ve seen a real change. Todd Thoma shared jail data from January through June of 2017 that show decrease of contract housing, felonies, and average length of stay, pre-trial felons, and defendants in custody for a certain length of days. Jon Tunheim recognized everyone involved for coming to the table to create a more effective solution.
 - d. Those working on the project are continually using data points to track program successes. A spreadsheet of accomplishments to date was created and continues to be maintained.
 - e. Questions followed regarding how the public could track the progress of this program (some data is available online) and how long it will take to address the backlog (Judges said realistically, a big dent will be made by the end of the year, but it’ll likely go into 2019).
- IV. First Look
 - a. Senior Deputy Prosecutor Wayne Graham and Senior Defense Attorney Larry Jefferson presented a power point entitled, “An Overview of First Look” to the group. They reviewed the core concepts of the First Look program and how it proposes a different way to achieve justice and accountability, while keeping community safety at the forefront.
 - b. Through early communication, creativity and willingness to remove hurdles, First Look has shown progress in regard to the number of resolutions being reached, 0-30 days and 30-60 days have both doubled in the past 6 months.
 - c. They emphasized that First Look is just getting started and it continually expanding and working through kinks. As a multiagency collaboration, they are in need of partners create resources and develop new opportunities for create resolution. Those with questions, ideas and suggestions are encouraged to reach out to Larry Jefferson or Wayne Graham.
 - d. Jon Tunheim mentioned updates regarding the future of First Look,
 - i. 1. Creation of a juvenile version of the program,
 - ii. A system that focuses on consistency of preliminary hearings and bail.

- e. Questions: A mediator with the Dispute Resolution Center suggested the possibility of offering mediation between victim and offender. Jon Tunheim acknowledged that there is currently a meeting scheduled to discuss this possibility with an individual who has experience with similar efforts in Boston.

V. Review Charter

- a. Patrick O'Connor requested that next meeting the council discuss voting members, and requested that all voting members communicate to Susan if they plan to continue in role or plan to pass it on to someone within their organization. He addressed a request that had been made for a community group or member to be part of the council in order to represent different perspectives and issues from those currently represented by council. Due to time, the conversation was tabled until the next meeting in October.

There were no specific requests for next meeting agenda topics.

Remaining 2018 Meeting Dates:

October 18

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