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Public Safety, Human Services, and Budget Committee

Dan Roach, Chair
Derek Young, Vice Chair
Connie Ladenburg, Member
Jim McCune, Member
Pam Roach, Member

MEETING AGENDA

April 9, 2018 – 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2018
5. Juvenile Justice, and Adult Status Youth Report

Presenters: TJ Bohl, Juvenile Court Administrator, Juvenile Court,
(253) 798-7988; and Patti Jackson-Kidder, Bureau Chief, Sheriff's Department,
(253) 798-2290

6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

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**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY, HUMAN SERVICES,
AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
March 26, 2018**

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1. **Call to Order:** The Public Safety, Human Services, and Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Acting Chair Young.

2. **Roll Call:** The Clerk called the roll.
Committee Members present: Dan Roach, Chair; Derek Young, Vice Chair; Connie Ladenburg, Member; Jim McCune, Member (Pam Roach, Member, arrived following roll.)

Staff present: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Tom Swanson, Research Analyst; Tammi Lewis, Alice McDaniel, and David Prutzman, Councilmember Assistants; Jason Escareno, Senior Legislative Analyst

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Without objection, the Agenda was approved as presented.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** March 12, 2018 Public Safety, Human Services, and Budget Committee. Young moved approval of the Minutes; motion seconded. The question was called; the Minutes were approved.

5. **Presentation on the Introduction to the Community Liaison Deputy Program**
Presenter: Chief Jim Heishman, Bureau Chief, Sheriff's Department, (253) 798-3952

Chief Heishman introduced Sheriff Office staff in attendance. He explained the Community Liaison Deputy Program, and answered questions of Committee Members.

Ladenburg requested committee staff obtain the McKinney-Vento numbers, and requested that Tess Colby provide that information at her Point-in-Time presentation.

6. **Presentation on the Sexually Violent Predators Report**
Presenter: Mark Lindquist, Pierce County Prosecutor, (253) 798-7792

Mark Lindquist, Pierce County Prosecutor, provided opening remarks, and introduced Dan Davis, Investigator, Prosecutor's Office. Davis provided a powerpoint presentation, "Fair Share." (A copy of the presentation is contained in the meeting file.) Davis answered questions of Committee Members. Gaylynn Jackson, Sex Offender Registration Specialist, Sheriff's Department, answered questions of Committee Members.

7. **Other Business:** None

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Attest:

Kate Kennedy, CMC
Senior Committee Clerk

Approved:

Dan Roach, Chair

Date



Adult Status Youth in Pierce County

History of Housing:

- November 2014: Pierce County Jail and Juvenile Court reach an agreement to house all Adult Status Youth in Juvenile Detention. Prior to this, Adult Status Youth always held in the Jail.
- November 2016: Pierce County Jail and Juvenile Court reach new agreement to house most of the Adult Status Youth in the Jail, but allowing for up to seven of the youth classified as lower risk to be housed in Juvenile Detention.
- December 2017: Pierce County Jail asks the Juvenile Court to house all Adult Status Youth pending construction in the Jail.

Context/Considerations:

- The issue of where to house youth who are under 18 years of age but are being charged in the Adult Court System continues to be a hot topic across the country. Many states have either changed or are currently examining their laws regarding housing and charging youth who are under 18 years of age. These changes are being driven by the research which shows that the brain is not fully developed until around age 24 or 25. The prefrontal cortex, where executive functioning is located, is the last part of the brain to develop. Executive functioning includes planning, impulse control, and delay of gratification, among other things. This is causing lawmakers and practitioners to carefully examine the law and their practices.

Juvenile Court's Request:

- The Juvenile Court Executive Committee recognizes the differences between youth and adults and is committed to housing youth in a safe, rehabilitative manner. In that spirit, we are submitting this proposal to officially move the housing of Adult Status Youth to Juvenile Detention. The chart below highlights the requested resources needed to safely make this happen. Over the last two years, the population of Adult Status Youth has went from a low of 2 youth to a high of 22 youth. Given this, our best estimate is that we will need to open one more pod to safely house this population. The chart below outlines our financial request.

	1 Pod
Staffing (FTE):	
Juvenile Detention Officers	5.1
Medical - Nurse	1.0
Mental Health	1.0
Total Staffing:	7.1
Expense:	
Juvenile Detention Officers	\$ 374,409.36
Nurse Staff	\$ 81,866.30
Mental Health Staff*	\$ 107,240.64*
Food	\$ 39,980.64
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,200.00
Total Expense:	\$ 610,696.94

* Please note we currently have the Mental Health funding allocated in our budget, we just need the FTE. This would make the new funding request **\$503,456**.

In addition to the costs listed above, there are two other items that need to be addressed.

- The first is to enhance security by installing six security cameras in our visitation rooms. This is currently an area of the facility that is not monitored by cameras and has led to past incidents of contraband entering the facility. We have notified Facilities and are waiting for a cost estimate.
- The second request is to fix the heating system in three of our pods. These pods are currently used for trainings and group programming. If we take back the Adult Status Youth and the numbers spike in detention, we will run into a situation where we need to use one of these pods to house youth and the heat/air conditioning does not work. We have notified Facilities and are waiting for a cost estimate.

Staffing Needs Explained:

- **Juvenile Detention Officers** – Each pod requires one Juvenile Detention Officer for each shift (Day, Swing, Graveyard). Due to vacations, furlough, sick leave, FMLA, on the job injuries, etc. you must hire 1.7 FTE's for every post. This is how we identified the 5.1 FTE's.

- **Mental Health Specialist** – The Adult Status Youth are in our detention facility for extended periods of time, often up to a year before their case is resolved. These youth struggle with maintaining mental wellness while here and are seen weekly by the mental health clinician. The clinician helps them process their thoughts and feelings while here regarding outside stressors, their anxiety over their pending case and the development of coping skills. We have had multiple youth deal with the death of a family member while in our care, struggling with the realization they cannot grieve with their families or attend the funeral. The clinician also helps them prepare for the outcome of their case and moving on to a long-term facility. The mental health support from a clinician is a crucial part of their stabilization and long-term care in our facility.
- **Additional Nurse** – The majority of our youth have not taken care of their basic medical needs when in the community. It is not uncommon for all of our youth to need physicals and dental care when they enter our facility. Our current nursing staff do not cover every shift; when there is not a nurse here those duties are taken over by the shift supervisor. Because our shift supervisors do not have medical training, things can be missed or must wait until a nurse is on duty. Our nurses provide basic care and act as the liaison with medical professionals who see our youth. In addition, they complete basic blood draws, STD and pregnancy tests, count and distribute medication, provide basic first aid, check blood sugars for diabetic youth, assess youth for medical needs prior to being booked in, etc. Hiring another nurse would allow medical coverage for every shift.