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**SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD
SCTF Siting and LRA Placements
Sub-Committee Meeting**

September 9, 2020

3:00pm-5:00pm

Microsoft Teams

In Attendance: Leah Landon, Staff; Terrina Peterson, WASPC; Jamie Weimer, WASPC; Devon Gibbs, King County Office of Public Defense; Linda Farmer, AWC; Rob Gelder, Kitsap County; Sonja Hardenbrook, Snohomish County PDA; Rachael Seevers, DRW; Stephanie Sacks, WCSAP; Sharon Swanson, AWC; Alex Mayo, Washington Voices

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Call to Order

Leah Landon (staff) called the meeting to order and discussed tips for participating in the virtual meeting. Meeting participants were asked to mute their microphones when not actively participating. The meeting was recorded and can be provided upon request. Leah added that Dave Flynn was unable to attend the meeting and asked if participants would like to continue and have her act as chair. Members agreed Leah could fill the chair role for the day.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting participants were asked to review the meeting minutes from August 12, 2020. Leah asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

**MOTION 20-2-11: MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 12, 2020 MEETING
MINUTES AS WRITTEN:**

MOVED: Rob Gelder

SECOND: Linda Farmer

Passed: Unanimously

Abstained: None

Meeting Objectives

Objective 1: Review Draft LRA Placement Matrix

Leah reviewed the updated LRA Placement Matrix with the group.

- **Leah** reviewed the updates that had been made since the last meeting such as adding the responsible entity column and breaking it into sections.
- **Rob Gelder** asked if this placement matrix is designed for a single individual or multiple.
 - **Leah** said the idea is for use with a single individual as they prepare for an LRA.
 - **Rob** said he understands that and the intent, but there needs to be a step before this in terms of the identification in terms of the LRA itself and this is an opportunity to partner with the local jurisdiction.
 - **Leah** added that currently there is no partnership between the defense and the local community when finding LRA placements, so this would need to be developed.
 - **Rob** said this should be occurring and the group should consider it and they may be able to help each other. It seems we need to identify what per county capacity we need for LRAs and then find a location that checks all the boxes for siting.
 - **Sonja Hardenbrook** said the defense agrees with Rob and there could be a part earlier in the process to do a more global process, but the defense cannot do this. They are under duty and obligation to one client and DSHS is the entity that should be doing this.
 - **Leah** said she would work with the cities, counties, and SCC to set up a meeting to discuss this further.
- **Devon Gibbs** asked if the matrix was to reflect what is happening now or what should be happening.
 - **Leah** said what should be happening.
 - **Devon** said in that case, the responsible entity column may help address their question. Currently individual defense attorneys are the ones doing most of this work, but the idea is this will change.
 - **Devon** added that the matrix says “proximity to SOTP” three times.
 - Leah removed two of the instances where this phrase is used to reduce redundancy.
- **Linda Farmer** asked if housing being within 30 minutes is meant by car, bus, etc. as this can change the meaning.
 - **Leah** said it was determined as by car and had recently done some analyses on the average length of time it takes LRAs to reach their providers.
 - **Linda** added that there is some other language such as “near public transportation, “access to employment”, etc. Would it be helpful to define these terms because they could be highly subjective in certain situations?
 - **Leah** added that defining these may be difficult.
 - **Devon** said her concerns with being too specific is she does not want it to be used as a reason to deny a reasonable placement. Some providers are in Bellevue whereas housing there is expensive and hard to find and so they commute several hours each way.

- **Stephanie Sacks** said taking the 30 minutes off may help increase the number of possible placements.
- **Jamie Weimer** asked if there was anywhere in existing statute that already definitions near or within reasonable distance.
 - **Leah** said she did not believe there was.
 - **Sonja** said she was not aware of anything either specific to LRAs.
- **Rachael SeEVERS** said “within a reasonable distance” may be better than “near” as this would allow for consideration of needs.
 - **Leah** removed “near” and replaced all instances with “within a reasonable distance”.
- **Alex Mayo** asked what was meant by in-home care.
 - **Leah** said this was someone who could come in to administer medications, etc.
- **Terrina Peterson** said she gets involving DSHS but right now they are not the ones who find the housing.
 - **Leah** said this is correct, but there is interest with getting them involved in the process and Leah will help set up a meeting between the interested stakeholders to talk more about this.
- **Rachael SeEVERS** said the discharge sub-committee is also making several recommendations that relate to this process.
- **Devon Gibbs** said if this is an idealized list, but the SCC does not become involved, they cannot do fair share on their own.
 - **Leah** said this was understood.
 - **Terrina** asked if there must be a reason why someone is not returned to county of commitment.
 - **Sonja** said yes, the court must have a finding during the conditions hearing that indicates why they may not be returned to the county of commitment.
 - **Devon** added that defense cannot do equal distribution and they are doing the best they can to find housing, and they cannot necessarily do what the counties want and have equal distribution.

Next Steps

- Next Full Board meeting on September 24, 2020 from 9:00am-12:00pm
- Leah will work on getting a meeting with the SCC and the counties/cities scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SCTF Siting and LRA Placements Sub-Committee

 /s/
 Sub-Committee Chair
 David Flynn

 10/06/2020
 Date