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SCTF Siting and LRA Placements
Sub-Committee Meeting
May 28, 2020 10:00am-12:00pm
Skype Meeting

In Attendance: Leah Landon, Staff; David Flynn, Chair; Terrina Peterson, WASPC; Andrew Morrison, Contract Attorney; Sonja Hardenbrook, Snohomish Co. Public Defender Association; Jamie Weimer, WASPC; Cathi Harris, DOC; Rachael SeEVERS, Disability Rights Washington; Devon Gibbs, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Lowell Porter, SCC; Alex Mayo, Washington Voices; Holly Coryell, SCC; Daniel Davis, Pierce County Prosecutors Office; Daniel Yanisch, SCC; Donta Harper, DOC; Linda Farmer, WAC; Sharon Swanson, WAC; Rob Gelder, WSAC;

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 (this includes the chat function) and can be provided upon request. Leah introduced David Flynn as the sub-committee Chair. Leah invited David Flynn, as well as all other participants, to introduce themselves.

Several participants were having issues with Skype for Business. Leah said she would look into using a different meeting platform.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting participants were asked to review the meeting minutes from May 6, 2020. Leah asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

MOTION 20-2-1: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN:

MOVED: Alex Mayo

SECOND: Cathi Harris

Passed: Unanimously

Abstained: Rob Gelder

Meeting Objectives

Objective 1: Presentation from Lowell Porter at the Special Commitment Center

- This presentation updated the group on work already in progress at the SCC to site new SCTFs.
- Lowell Porter walked meeting participants through the proposal that the SCC has put together on the Regional Secure Community Transition Facility/Sexually Violent Predator Placement Model. This work was developed as a component of the SCC- SCTF Siting Project.
 - The materials presented are proposed as a starting point for discussions regarding:
 - Future management of this population and related infrastructure; and
 - Establishing effective public policy on these important public safety issues.
 - The goals of the project were to:
 - Develop a “compelling business case” that identifies a valid, defensible, and operationally sound model for the future placement of SCTFs and SVPs, in compliance with RCW 71.09;
 - Structure this business case to support future legislative and public policy setting processes involving RCW 71.09 , related topics, and public safety issues; and
 - Establish a clear and agreed upon definition of “equitable distribution”.
- Lowell also walked meeting participants through the proposed SCTF Siting Matrix which is a template that allows evaluators to work through different components and factors when considering a new SCTF site.
- The full presentation can be found in the meeting recording. For questions on the presentation please contact Lowell Porter at Lowell.porter@dshs.wa.gov.
- **Feedback on the Siting Matrix:**
 - Rob Gelder asked if stakeholders and communities would be engaged prior to identifying SCTF property. Lowell said that the SCC has spoken about this, and while it is not official or final, the hope is to engage these stakeholders earlier in the process.
 - Sonja Hardenbrook said that the 71.09 Defense Team as well as Disability Rights Washington would be willing to participate as stakeholders.
 - Andrew Morrison recommended checking the wording on certain items that are labeled risk-relevant to make sure that term is only used when appropriate (example, fast food restaurants).
 - Devon Gibbs asked if the availability of SOTPs in the community is in one of the matrices.
 - Lowell confirmed that it is included further in the presentation.
 - Sub-committee members asked if they could receive a copy of the matrices to offer feedback. Lowell and David Flynn will discuss if it is distribution ready.
 - Devon Gibbs asked if availability of community placements for after an SCTF might be included in the siting criteria. If community placements are available,

this would be better for the clients as they would not have to move again after releasing from the SCTF.

Meeting participants were happy with the presentation and were grateful for the work that went into Lowell's presentation.

Next Steps

- Leah reminded committee members that the sub-committee was tasked with reviewing the process for SCTF siting and making recommendations. Leah asked the group to consider supporting the work currently in progress at the SCC, and working with them to provide additional feedback, and possibly recommending this proposed approach to the full SOPB.
- Leah asked meeting participants to review the LRA Process Map included in the meeting materials and then email any feedback.
- Leah mentioned that she would work on finding a new software to host future meetings.
- Next Full Board meeting on June 24, 2020 from 1:00pm-5:00pm.
- Leah will send out Doodle poll to schedule next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

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

_____/s/_____
Sub-Committee Chair
David Flynn

_____/June 19, 2020_____
Date