

Clallam County Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024

I. Call to order

- i. Alan Barnard called to order the regular meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee at 1713 hours on April 25, 2024 in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room.

II. Roll call

- i. The following members were present: Alan Barnard, Tom Cox, Charlie Meyer, Walter Morton, Brooke Nelson, Lourene O'Brien, and Barbara Sanford (Zoom).
- ii. The following staff members were present: Sheriff King and Undersheriff Lorraine Shore.
- iii. There was a quorum established for this meeting.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- i. Minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting unanimously approved with no changes.

IV. Sheriff Brian King

a. Legislative Update

- i. Recruitment and Retention
 1. Sheriff King spoke about a couple of bills focusing on recruitment and retention and he supported a bill that would give 1/10 of 1% credit to jurisdictions, however the bill did not go anywhere.
- ii. Juvenile Access to Attorney
 1. A bill to modify the current legislation so law enforcement could interview juveniles without an attorney did not get out of committee. Since the "Juvenile Access to an Attorney" legislation passed there has been a marked increase in crimes committed by juveniles, particularly in gang ridden areas. Juveniles are committing crimes knowing they cannot be interviewed.
 2. WASPC will vote again in the next session to push forward legislation to allow LE to interview Juveniles.
 3. Questions:

Cox: Asked if juveniles can make statements without an attorney.

King: No, legislation assumes juvenile does not know they have a choice to get an attorney.

Meyer: Asked if juvenile witnesses can be interviewed.

King: f it is clear a juvenile is a witness or victim, they can be interviewed. If unclear, cannot interview any juveniles. This prevents law enforcement from charging juveniles or getting resources to help the juvenile. If the juvenile is "Detained" then no interview. Link to RCW 13.40.740

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=13.40.740>

- iii. A bill passed to increase funding to the Criminal Justice Training Commission for more classes. It reduced the cost share of the academies which was an improvement, however the retention piece was not addressed. Sheriff King stated a 1/10 of 1% sales tax credit to cities and counties is needed to retain law enforcement officers.

Cox: Noted FBI report that WA state has the highest larceny and theft rate compared to other states. In the 4/25/24 FBI Report, WA State was listed as among the most dangerous states in the country (8th). Between 2020 – 2022, violent crime increased 81.9%. See attached FBI Report.

- iv. Pursuit Bill – RCW 10.116.060 – This bill passed on 6/6/2024 and parallels what agencies are doing in policy.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=10.116.060>

Meyer: Asked what opportunities are given in Olympia to illustrate the problems facing law enforcement.

Sheriff King met with Hilary Franz about what it takes to affect Public Safety. He takes these opportunities to educate lawmakers on issues that they may be unaware of.

Legislators have recognized that understaffed agencies are overworked. The CCSO applied for a Wellness Grant and has an app called “Cordico Wellness” that WASPC pays for. There are plans to retrofit the old Chain Gang office into a Fitness Center for employees. Wellness is very important and essential to retaining a healthy work force. The Wellness Grant will pay for a Wellness Coach to speak with employees on a quarterly basis.

b. Emergency Management

- i. Status of Joint Public Safety Facility
 - 1. Currently in the Detailed Design Phase and the county is continuing to pursue additional grants or appropriations to fund the entire cost of the facility.
 - 2. The JPSF is moving forward towards construction and there are weekly meetings with stakeholders.

c. Jail

- i. Jail Medical – The jail has hired nurses and providing medical to inmates with CCSO Jail Nursing staff.
- ii. HCA Medicaid Transformation Project is a new program that will provide Medicaid reimbursement for qualified inmates. Currently all medical costs are borne by county taxpayers when the inmate is incarcerated. Re-entry services are not provided. The Medicaid Transformation Project creates a re-entry program with behavioral health. A Coordinator will be hired to work on this program as it will benefit our county and citizens. The HCA program will provide initial funding of \$125,000.00 to CCSO as we are in the first Cohort and that money will be used for the coordinator position. **See Attachments**
- iii. A contract to expand Re-Discovery Navigators to the Clallam County Sheriff’s Office will assist deputies when contacting individuals with substance use issues. The Clallam County Correctional Facility has MOUD* but the continuity of services has been difficult. This HCA

MTP will provide re-entry and 30 days of medication upon release and it is estimated that 85% of inmates will qualify.

** In 2020, Clallam County, along with the rest of the United States, saw the largest increase in overdose deaths since 2016. From 2019 to 2020 (the last full year for which statistics are available), there was a 135% increase in fatal overdoses in Clallam County. According to CDC data, the 2019 national average for fatal drug overdoses was 21.6 per 100,000. Clallam County's current fatal overdose rate is 28.3 per 100,000.*

In March of 2022, the Clallam County jail, in partnership with Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic's (OPCC) REdisCOVERY program was awarded a grant from Washington State Healthcare Authority (HCA) to implement a new, expanded Medications for Opiate Use Disorder – also known as MOUD – program.

- iv. In-Person Jail Visitation – In-person visitation for inmates is good for their health and good support for the families of the inmates.
- v. Staffing – 8 Corrections Deputy vacancies.

d. OPNET Funding

- i. Legislators stepped in and gave a onetime appropriation to match what the grant gave in the past to continue to fund drug task forces in WA State. \$150,000.00 went to OPNET which is very minimal funding but does support the analyst and admin support. Sheriff King feels that the OPIOD Settlement money should be used for task forces.

V. Sheriff Personnel Changes

a. Employee Transfers

- i. Jordan Heiner – Transferred from Corrections to Patrol – Effective 2/1/24

b. New Personnel

- i. Admin Specialist Michele Anderson – Hired 2/1/24
- ii. Mental Health Counselor Christina Chadick – Hired 5/1/24
- iii. Evidence Manager Patricia DeGroot – Hired 4/1/24
- iv. Patrol Deputy Anthony Demorest – Hired 2/16/24
- v. Corrections Deputy Brayden Hagerty – Hired 3/1/24
- vi. Corrections Deputy Alexander Hamilton – Hired 3/18/24
- vii. Jail Nurse Stephanie Jackson – Hired 3/1/24
- viii. Patrol Deputy Michael Louckes – Hired 4/1/24
- ix. Jail Nurse Nicki McCann – Hired 2/21/24
- x. Jail Nurse Manager Kimberly Needoba – Hired 2/13/24
- xi. Jail Nurse Lauren Wallenfang – Hired 2/25/24

c. Resignations

- i. Corrections Deputy Brian Clerici – Resigned 3-27-24 (Hired by CCSO Code Enforcement)
- ii. Jail Nurse Candace Priest – Release from Probation 3/22/24
- iii. Patrol Deputy Pat Woolman – Resigned 3/21/24 (Left LE)

VI. Upcoming Events

- a. Law Enforcement Memorial Day – May 17, 2024

VII. Roundtable

Meyer – DART training will be 9/5/24 – Ground and Live training on 9/7/24. CERT is developing a Drone program with the intent to use them during a disaster. They want to piggyback on the CCSO Drone program.

King – Drone instructors are coming to the Sheriff's Office train Drone operators and policy is in place.

Barnard – DART is developing a system to identify areas in a disaster. On 6/22/24 there will be a DART exercise on damage assessment. Photos will be taken and can be relayed in real time back to Emergency Management.

Morton – Nice to be back with the CCSCAC. Happy to help with Special Olympics

Barnard – Bike Patrol will be supporting the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Sandford – Stated she is very proud of the Sheriff's Office.

Cox – Wife Deb participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

VIII. Comments from the Public – No public in attendance.

IX. Next meeting scheduled for 9/26/24

X. Adjourn