

Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council

MINUTES

Meeting Date: 01/08/2025	Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar	Start Time: 12:00 p.m. Adjourn Time: 1:00 p.m.
Members:	Email	Organization
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Proxies:		
Katie McNulty for Larry Haskell	KMCnulty@spokanecounty.org	County Prosecutor
Others Present:		
Mediha Harris, Regional Law & Justice Executive Assistant		
Agenda:		
I.	Open Public Forum (up to 15 minutes) 3 min. limit per person	
II.	November 13th, 2024, SRLJC minutes approval	
III.	MacArthur Update	
	* Capstone Update	
IV	Recommendation	
	* Pretrial Dashboard- Blueprint Reform 5.1 (5)	
	* Evaluation of Therapeutic Courts- Blueprint Reform 5.5 (10)	
	* Community Engagement	
	* 1115 Waiver Program	
	* CRSC Update	

Adjourn

- Open Public Forum – No participants.
- Motion to approve November 13th, 2024, SRLJC Minutes was made by John Haley. Tori Peterson second. Judge Beggs abstained. Minutes approved.
- New member introductions: Judge Breean Beggs and Judge Patrick Johnson.
- MacArthur Update: The additional Capstone report was submitted at the end of the year, and we are awaiting the release of funds for the second part of the capstone grant. The capstone grant included two additional staff members in pretrial services: one position for monitored release and one for court date reminders/warrant avoidance. The candidates for the positions are currently being interviewed. The pretrial data dashboard is complete and public facing. The contract for supported release with pioneer services has ended. The program will be revamped and moved to pretrial services. There will also be two kiosks added that will help with court navigation as well as a pretrial navigator position to help guide the public to the appropriate buildings and/or departments. The rideshare program has ended due to cost, but we will continue issuing bus passes.
- Community Engagement: Community engagement hasn't been one of our strongest areas. Marianne Clear (JMI) and Gwen Wright (nationally recognized community engagement expert) are helping us get started. We are developing a list of members for the community engagement task force, who are going to be heavily involved in the community, answering questions and building trust. We want to send a good message to the community that we are willing to listen and understand what the issues are and do something about them.
- 1115 Waiver Program: The program is slow in developing. The state has moved the cohorts to March. They are still developing all the criteria and the codes.
- CRSC Update: The building will be in the same parking lot as the stabilization center. It will be available to law enforcement and walk ins. Justin Johnson will oversee operations, and Mike is overseeing the construction portion of the project. We currently have three RFPs. The interviews will be conducted next week, and we are hoping to have the finalist by February 14th.
- Court updates: All counties are caught up with the backlog of court documents except King and Pierce County. There were 56,000 backlog documents. Elect court record was moved to digital archives in Cheney.
- Prosecutor updates: The prosecutor's office received a grant for a pilot program for organized retail theft, which also includes a diversion component. They will be keeping track of the number of diversion cases offered and number of diversion cases that are accepted.
- Juvenile Court update: The new domestic violence program called Positive Family Connections is up and running. Since there are no detention criteria for domestic violence, the juvenile would just return home. The program is pre-diversion which provides the family of the juvenile with a family specialist within 24-48 hours, connecting them to services and providing therapy.

Next meeting: March 12th, 2025

Scribe: Exec. Asst. – Mediha Harris