



# Work Release Expansion Project

North Central Counties

March 2021



# Agenda

## Meeting Objectives:

- ✓ Introductions
- ✓ Review Siting Considerations
- ✓ Review Site Specific Progress
- ✓ Review Communication Plan
- ✓ Next steps and closing

Time	Topic	Lead
4:00 – 4:10	Introductions and Project Objective	Mike Schindler, <i>Facilitator</i>
4:10 – 4:20	Siting Considerations	Mike Schindler
4:20 – 4:35	Site Specific Progress	Tony Lindgren, <i>KMB Consultant</i> Nanette Graham, <i>DOC Director of Capital Planning &amp; Development</i>
4:35 – 5:00	Communication Plan Review	Mark Kucza, <i>DOC Reentry Senior Administrator, Project Lead</i>
5:00 – 5:30	Questions, Next Steps & Closing	Mike Schindler

Mike Schindler, *Facilitator*

# Introductions and Project Objective

## LAC Member Contact Information

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Moraga	Sebastian	Community Advocate	<a href="mailto:Moraga.svstar@gmail.com">Moraga.svstar@gmail.com</a>	509-885-7535
Olson	Ashley	Work Source	<a href="mailto:aolson@esd.wa.gov">aolson@esd.wa.gov</a>	509-665-3732
Overbay	Kevin	Chelan Commissioner	<a href="mailto:kevin.overbay@co.chelan.wa.us">kevin.overbay@co.chelan.wa.us</a>	509-667-6215
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Mike Schindler, *Facilitator*



# Work Release Expansion Project

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DOC Mission: To Improve Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

DOC Vision: Working Together for safe Communities

- Work Release Expansion
  - Work release facilities serve as a bridge between life in prison and life in the community. Incarcerated individuals who complete the work release program are more likely to be successful in maintaining employment, stable housing, and in paying legal financial obligations. Recent research conducted by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy indicates that work release programs have a positive cost/benefit impact; for every dollar spent, \$3.82 is returned to the state.

- **Close to services**
  - Substance Abuse Treatment
  - Mental Health
  - WorkSource, Laborworks, etc.
- **Close to Transportation**
  - Bus lines need to connect to other buses
  - Frequency of bus/transit stops
  - Local & regional bus options
- **Walking distance to green space, proximity to parks, outdoor space**
  - Existence of sidewalks or other walkable areas
  - Proximity to schools, single family residential area
- **Shopping**
  - Clothing, Hygiene, Food, pharmacies

# Developed with LAC (May 2020)

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- **Building Security**

- Security Lighting, methods to control movement

- **Building Requirements**

- Meeting spaces/classroom areas for programming/presentations to residents, etc.
- Parking (for staff and visitors)
- Traffic
- Backup systems for interruption such as power, water, gas, etc.
- Resource room with computers, High speed internet (for communication, job searches, online application access, and other web-based services)
- Storage for extra supplies (mattresses, linen, etc.), Secure resident property/evidence, Staff property
- Exercise/fitness options

- **Other**

- Address *'Not in my backyard'* (NIMBY) issues

## Site Specific Progress

Chelan County Regional Jail Annex - 401 Washington St.  
Deaconess Building - 300 Okanogan Ave.

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### **Engaged with the City of Wenatchee - Planning Department to confirm findings and request next steps**

- 401 Washington Street property is zoned Central Business District (CBD), and the 300 Okanogan property is zoned Residential Mixed Use (RMU). Are these zoning designations correct?
- Also, according to our consultants review of the Wenatchee Municipal Code (WMC) Title 10, Zoning, a DOC WR type use is not a listed use, but that WMC 10.08.060 "Essential Public Facilities"(EPF) likely applies. Is this correct?

Tony Lindgren, *KMB Consultant*

Nanette Graham, *DOC Capital Planning & Development Director*



## Site Specific Progress

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- If a DOC WR facility is indeed classified as an EPF then our consultant suggests it is allowed as a Conditional Use in both the CBD and RMU zones per WMC 10.10 under Other Uses - EPF. Is that correct?
- Given that a DOC WR is determined to be an EPF then how might WMC 10.65.130 apply to the two existing buildings under consideration?
- Was the Jail Annex and Deaconess Hospital previously classified as EPFs? Does the TMC 10.65.130 process apply to either or both of the properties? If TMC 10.65.130 is applicable, then should DOC approach the County to formally initiate the EPF siting process or will the City take the lead on that?

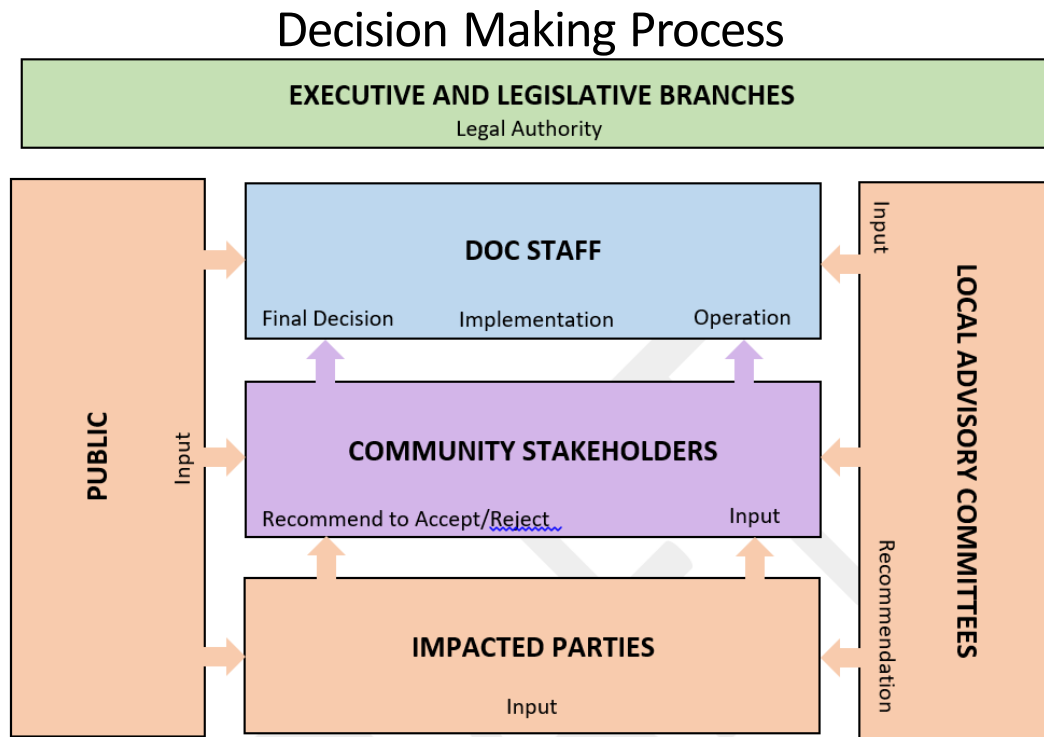


# Communication Plan Review

## LAC Communication Plan

### Guiding Principles (Examples):

- We will be transparent
- We will be proactive in communicating with others
- We will foster an environment of “No surprises”



Mark Kucza, DOC Reentry Senior Administrator, Project Lead

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### **Communication plan considerations:**

- Communication needs to be made even before a site is decided
- Make our intentions clear to as many people as possible
- Inform the public that a Work Release facility actually reduces recidivism

### **Examples of recommended communication methods:**

- Interview with NCW Life
- Interview with Mike Magnotti (he does Street Talk and Other Stuff)

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### **Approaches to outreach:**

- Face-to-face (Virtual)
- Phone briefings
- Community meetings
- Door-to-door (informational flyers)
- Traditional Media
- Social Media
- Paid ads
- Social media
- Direct mail
- Emails
- Third party trusted advocates
- Website
- Factsheets
- Video/PowerPoint
- Visualizations

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### **Who needs to be communicated with:**

- United Neighborhood Association
- Housing: Coordinated Entry, YWCA, Women's Resource Center
- Managed Care Organizations: Molina, Amerigroup, and Coordinated Care
- Training: SkillSource, Wenatchee Valley College
- Transit: Link Transit
- Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Employers who have experience with Work Release participants (Crunch Pak, Standard Pallet, Loues Trusses, and apple packing businesses like Stemilt)
- WorkSource – Ashley Olson (already part of the LAC)
- Local law enforcement

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### **Who needs to be communicated with (continued):**

- Wenatchee City Council
- East Wenatchee City Council
- Mayor's office
- Commissioners
- Department of Health and Social Services (DSHS)
- Newspapers/media
- Press release in conjunction with contact info of those who can answer questions
- School districts (principals and Superintendents)
- Community Partnership Transition Services (CPTS) – Ashely Olson is a part of this group

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- Thank you to Sebastian Moraga!
- Excellent starting point for plan development
- Local LAC Communication Liaison volunteer(s)?
- Populating the plan with any more info specific to the two sites?

# Questions and Next Steps

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- Open discussion
- Recommendations
- Action Items

# Closing

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- Local Advisory Committee materials
  - On DOC website: <https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm>
  - Materials available within 2 weeks
- Email questions
  - North Central Counties
  - [docwrexpandnc@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:docwrexpandnc@doc1.wa.gov)
- Next Meeting
  - Wednesday, April 14, 2021 (recurring 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)



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*Thank you!*