Work Release Expansion Project
Pierce County
April 2021
## Agenda

### Meeting Objectives:
- ✓ Introductions & Review Contacts
- ✓ Review the Work Release Program Overview
- ✓ Review Data Requests
- ✓ Review the Expansion Project Process/Timeline
- ✓ Review Site Specific Progress
- ✓ Review the Communication Plan
- ✓ Questions, next steps and closing

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# Introductions and Review Contacts

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Mike Schindler, *Facilitator*
Work Release Program Overview

DOC Mission and Vision

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.
Work Release Program Overview

Program Description

• From **prison to community** while:
  ◦ Under DOC authority
  ◦ In partial confinement

• Focus on **reentry, transition, and stability** by:
  ◦ Finding/retaining employment
  ◦ Re-connecting with family members
  ◦ Becoming productive citizens
  ◦ Learning/refining life skills such as:
    ◦ Using public transportation
    ◦ Shopping
    ◦ Managing personal finances
Work Release Program Overview

Placement Criteria

• **Eligibility is an earned privilege**
  ◦ Good behavior and program compliance

• **Screening Criteria**
  ◦ Defined in law and established in policy*
  ◦ Trained staff identify participants based on identified risk and needs
  ◦ Multiple levels of review required to approve some cases

• **Can be ineligible due to:**
  ◦ Misconduct
  ◦ Outstanding legal issues
  ◦ Community concerns such as:
    ◦ Victim concerns
    ◦ Prior failure or rules violations at work release
    ◦ Excess or serious pattern of criminal history
    ◦ Heinous or notorious crime(s)

* Screening criteria are listed in policy DOC 300.500

Mark Kucza, **DOC Reentry Senior Administrator, Project Lead**
Work Release Program Overview

Participant Expectations

• **Participants must:**
  ◦ Work, attend school or vocational training or transitional programming
    ◦ Monitored to ensure approved movements prohibit making any unauthorized stops
  ◦ Contribute financially
  ◦ Remain in the facility unless there is specific, prior written approval
  ◦ Undergo frequent UAs for drug/alcohol use
  ◦ Continue programming, treatment or therapy to address identified risk/need areas associated with criminal activity
  ◦ Cooperate with monitoring and behavioral expectations in the work release facility, workplace and other locations in the community
Work Release Program Overview
Progression Through Program

• Three phase program
• “Step down” approach
• Gradual community access based upon:
  ◦ Following all rules
  ◦ An individualized case plan
  ◦ Compliant time in the facility
  ◦ Meeting individual case plan objectives

...in order to increase public safety.
Work Release Program Overview

Work Release Expansion and Existing Facilities

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Legend
• Current Work Releases (12)
• Primary Need Locations

Department of Corrections
Washington State
Work Release Program Overview

Current DOC Work Release facilities

• 12 separate facilities:
  ◦ Ahtanum View (Yakima)
  ◦ Bellingham (Bellingham)
  ◦ Brownstone (Spokane)
  ◦ Bishop Lewis (Seattle)
  ◦ Eleanor Chase (Spokane)
  ◦ Longview (Longview)
  ◦ Olympia (Olympia)
  ◦ Peninsula (Port Orchard)
  ◦ Progress House (Tacoma)
  ◦ Helen B. Ratcliff (Seattle)
  ◦ Reynolds (Seattle)
  ◦ Tri-Cities (Kennewick)
Work Release Program Overview

Building Components

BUILDING COMPONENTS

- Controlled building access
- Normative street presence
- Clean, organized, safe sleeping space
- Supervised lobby and dayroom
- Room for administration and programs
- Robust service space (storage, laundry, etc.)
- Transportation, equipment, and supplies for work
Work Release Program Overview
Ahtanum View Work Release (Yakima)
Work Release Program Overview

Bellingham Work Release (Bellingham)
Work Release Program Overview
Bishop Lewis Work Release (Seattle)
Work Release Program Overview

Olympia Work Release (Olympia)
Data Requests
Facility Data

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Work Release Expansion Project

Project History

• Legislative Report, Implementation Plan
  ◦ September 1, 2019

• Formed Local Advisory Committees in King, North Central, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties
  ◦ Restarted: February 2021

• Request for Proposals (RFPs) to lease space for Work Release facilities preferably in the four counties listed
  ◦ Publication: December 27, 2019
  ◦ Due Date: February 13, 2020
    ◦ 6 submittals total, 2 properties submitted in Tacoma that no are longer being considered (i.e. zoning and cost prohibitive)

• Additional ongoing searches by DOC and LAC members to identify viable sites
  ◦ One site in Tacoma currently being evaluated: 1007 Center St.
Expansion Project Process/Timeline

Site Selection Steps

1. RCW 72.65.220 Facility siting process
   - When DOC has selected three or fewer sites for final consideration, DOC shall make public notification and conduct a public hearing in the local communities of the final three or fewer sites.
     - Provide for opportunities for written or oral comments and wide dissemination of proposals and alternatives.

2. WAC 137-57-060 Site selection
   - After the preliminary public hearing and an initial review, the advisory committee shall submit its recommendations to the Secretary, and the Secretary may give preliminary approval to one of the recommended sites.
3. **RCW 72.65.220 Facility siting process**
   - An additional public hearing after public notification shall also be conducted in the local community selected as the final proposed site.
   - Provide for opportunities for written or oral comments and wide dissemination of proposals and alternatives.

4. **WAC 137-57-060 Public notice, hearing requirements**
   - After the Secretary gives preliminary approval to a site, the Department shall either apply for or assist others in applying for any permits which may be required by local zoning laws with respect to the operation of a work/training release facility.
   - After the required zoning permits, if any, have been obtained, and the Secretary has considered the comments expressed by members of the public during any zoning process or during the public hearing conducted by the Department, the Secretary may grant or withhold final approval of the proposed site.
Site Specific Progress

Tacoma CJC Annex – 1007 Center Street

• Tacoma Community Justice Center (CJC) is operated by DOC. Address: 1016 S. 28th Street

• 1007 Center Street – Tacoma CJC Annex
  ◦ Property is being evaluated.
  ◦ Property has not been selected.

• Engaged with the City of Tacoma - Planning Department to confirm preliminary code and zoning review.

Tony Lindgren, KMB Consultant
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Site Specific Progress
Tacoma CJC Annex – 1007 Center Street

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Communication Plan
LAC Communication Plan

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Communication Plan

LAC Communication Plan

• **Specific location/neighborhood focused follow-up if a possible location moves from being evaluated to being considered**

• **Specific location(s)**
  ◦ Inform of timeline and strategies
Questions and Next Steps

• Open discussion

• Recommendations

• Action Items
Closing

• 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
  ◦ Pierce County
  ◦ docwrexpandpc@doc1.wa.gov

• Next Meeting
  ◦ Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (recurring 3rd Wednesday of each month)
Thank you!