# Work Release Expansion Project

**Pierce County**

## Agenda

### Meeting Objectives:

- **Introductions**
- Understand where the DOC Work Release Expansion Project is in the process
- Purpose, role, and outcomes from the Local Advisory Committee
- Develop location considerations
- Develop communications plan
- Closeout and follow-up

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Project Update

Pierce County

◦ RFP closed Feb. 13th

◦ 2 submissions received for Pierce County through RFP Process

◦ LAC Identified (5 members)

Project Update: Next Steps

◦ DOC initial (high level) site screening

◦ LAC establishes a Communication Plan

◦ LAC identifies Siting Considerations

◦ LAC reviews sites based upon considerations and provides recommendations
Community Siting Considerations

- Proximity to:
  - Transportation
    - Access to Public Transportation
    - Access to Major Arterials
  - Education
    - Community/Technical colleges

Community Siting Considerations

- Treatment and other resources
  - Drug and Alcohol
  - Crisis Intervention
  - WorkSource

- Employment Opportunities

- Support Systems
  - Community
  - Religious
Assessing Existing Facilities

Assessing facilities for capacity expansion

- Helen B. Ratcliff – Seattle (King)
- Peninsula – (Kitsap)
- Progress House Tacoma (Pierce)
- Reynolds – Seattle (King)
- Longview (Lewis)

Assessing Existing Facilities...Cont.

Assessment includes:

- Site visit
- Code review
- Life safety survey
- Use/occupancy permit review/revisions
- Facility resources/demand
- Meet with authorities having jurisdiction
- American Correctional Association (ACA) standards
- Design and construction cost review
Local Advisory Committee Role and Activities

- Act in the best interest of public
- Develop an understanding of the community’s concerns and sensitivities
- Active engagement and regular attendance throughout siting process
- Have an accurate understanding of DOC’s role, charge, and limitations
- Advocate for DOC program and site within your community
- Support the work release program’s mission and activities

Identifying Review Considerations

- As a group, review the “Considerations” document
- Discuss and capture the considerations that you identify as important to a successful Work Release in your community

Example: building physical plant, access to services, employment, transportation, neighborhood impacts...
Communication Plan

• Who needs to know?
• Who is the audience?
• How do we tell them?
• How often do we update?
• What forms of communication?

Communication Plan... Considerations

• What should we expect in response?
• Can we anticipate any questions or challenges?
• Who should be sending out the communication?
• What other things do we need to be prepared for?
Site Review/Recommendation Process

• Review sites brought forward and provide recommendations
  ◦ Based on the agreed-to LAC considerations
  ◦ Each site reviewed and discussed
  ◦ Possible site visits (coordinated through DOC)

Site Review/Recommendation Process

• Reach effective agreement on recommendations (document supportive materials and reasoning)

• Communicate recommendations to DOC leadership

• DOC leadership reviews recommendations and collaborates on next steps (e.g. Communication Strategies, etc...)
Communication Plan

• Local Advisory Committee materials
  ◦ 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

Questions/Wrap-up

• Questions?
• Tasks for follow-up
• Next meeting
  ◦ Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 – 6:00pm
  ◦ Tacoma Community College Building 9, Room 101
    6501 S. 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466
• Closing