

DOC Work Release Expansion Project

Local Advisory Committee Pierce County – Meeting #3 January 22, 2020

MEETING MINUTES	
Location	Tacoma Community College, Bldg 9, 6501 South 19th. Street Tacoma, WA 98466

	ONS & ORIENTATION
Mike Schindle	
Slides	Welcome – Establishing Effective Meeting Protocols Recap of Why
Discussion	Mike Schindler opened the meeting and welcomed back past and new participants. Introductions were made of all attendees. Mike reviewed DOC's mission/values and how the Local Advisory Committee meetings will help gain a mutual understanding of the needs between the community and DOC.
PROJECT REV	IEW
Theo Lewis	
Slides	Project Review: Activity and progress
Discussion	The four counties identified as possible future Work Release facility locations include Snohomish, Chelan, King, and Pierce. DOC is currently meeting with all counties and facilitating community advisory meetings.
DATA AND IN	QUIRY RESPONSE
Theo Lewis &	Dan King
Slides	Data – Sample duration validity Data – Work Release vs. Prison Data trends over time
Discussion	The data identifies the counties with the highest need for Work Release resources based on individuals releasing to that area. DOC ultimately wants to put a new facility in a location where Work Release participants will be the most successful and have access to the services they need, which is not necessarily going to be the cheapest location.
Questions/ Concerns	 The sample data are not fully represented if it is a self-selection process. What is the percentage of Work Release participants who actually stay in their county or origin?
	 What are the chances of the Offender Release Plan releasing the individual to a different county? When talking about Work Release participants releasing, what is the timeframe around their ERD (Earned Release Date)?
INTERVIEWS	
Theo Lewis	
Slides	Work Release Testimonials Work Release in Action
Discussion	In response for earlier requests of testimonials, two video interviews were presented. One interview included two male Work Release participants who share their personal experience in work release. Another interview included a female Work Release participant who shared her experience in work release and how it assisted her in gaining employment at a local employer, MOD Pizza.

SOLITICITATION (RFP) UPDATE			
Gar Rodside & Nanette Graham			
Slides	RFP – Request for Proposal		
	Draft Workplan – 50 Beds		
	Draft Workplan – 150 Beds		
Discussion	The Legislature has put an aggressive timeline on the expansion by asking for 50 beds to be		
	ready to occupy by June 2020 and then an additional 150 beds by June 2021.		
	RFP timeline:		
	December 27, 2019: RFP out for solicitation		
	January 17, 2020: Pre-proposal meeting (question/answer session for those interested in		
	submitting a letter of interest)		
	January 22, 2020: deadline to submit letter of interest		
	February 13, 2020: final RFP proposals due		
GENERAL DISCUSSION & TASKS FOR FOLLOW UP			
Mike Schindle			
Slides	Local Advisory Committee Expectations		
	Communication Plan Work Release Project Site Navigation		
	Questions/Wrap Up		
Discussion	Mike Schindler reviewed the expectations of the Local Advisory Committee. At the next		
Discussion	meeting, DOC will be asking community members to identify themselves as wanting to commit		
	to being a part of the Local Advisory Committee. The Local Advisory Committee will be a multi-		
	disciplinary advisory committee that will assist in the Work Release Expansion Project siting		
	process in the months to come. DOC encouraged current attendees to invite any community		
	member who they feel should be a part of this committee who was not present.		
	Work Release Expansion Website		
	https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm		
	Snohomish County email:		
	docwrexpandpc@doc1.wa.gov		
	Next meeting:		
	Wednesday, February 19, 2020		
	4:00 – 6:00pm		
	Tacoma Community College, Bldg 11, Senate Room, 6501 South 19th. Street Tacoma, WA 98466		
Questions/	Does that data show that a Work Release facility positively or negatively affects the		
Concerns	services/resources around it?		
	The last Work Release facility was opened in 1999 and the data has not supported that it has		
	affected any services/resources negatively.		
	Do you have demographics of Work Release participants?		
	Yes, the data is provided in the PowerPoint slides from the first meeting, included in the		
	provided binders or on the DOC website.		
	Will this Work Release be male or female?		
	It will be a co-ed facility.		
	Will there be services provided at the facility?		
	The idea is for Work Release participants to integrate back into the community so we try to		
	engage them in services off site, as they would normally do.		