

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 15, 2023

TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

PLACE: Zoom

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I. CALL TO ORDER: The regular Spring 2023 meeting of the
The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee opened at 4:00 pm on June 15, 2023.

II. INTRODUCTIONS:

Desiree Cheung	Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families
John Reeves	Captain Longview Police Department
Stefanie Gilberti	Dean of Instruction/Learning Resources Lower Columbia College
Anita Quirk	Criminal Justice Instructor Lower Columbia College
Lisa Streissguth	SOC Kelso High School
Brad Thurman	Cowlitz County Sheriff's Department
Ryan Jurvakainen	Cowlitz County Prosecutor Office
Lisa Hunt	

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting were presented.

Motion to approve - John Reeves

2nd - Kevin Tate

Motion Approved

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVALS

1. **K12 CTE CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION** - Due to many personnel changes, Anita was not sure who was running the Police Science course in Kelso. She will need to review the new certification and approve it. Anita proposes dropping the old course that hasn't been taught in quite some time and moving the Intro to Policing credits to the new certification. Lisa mentioned that the courses are taught by Kevin Sawyer. She will check with Melissa Boudreux who runs the program to gather more information to present to the committee.
2. **COURSES AND CIP CODES** - Anita reported that Introduction to Criminal Justice has not been updated since 2007. She provided the committee with the suggested language, learning outcomes, and description. Updates are based on the language from the Center of Excellence for Criminal Justice. LCC is updating all course plans to a new format. The deadline for updates was today. She is hoping for the Summer of

2023. LCC instructor Doug Kazensky is currently teaching the updated course material that is needed, but the updates need to be approved by the committee and then presented to the LCC Curriculum Committee for final approval. The committee requested that Anita share the current textbook and other current teaching materials for them to review. Anita stressed the importance of police officers coming out of LCC having what they need.

V. INDUSTRY UPDATES:

Anita Quirk - recent changes in law enforcement creating “unintentional circumstances.

John Reeves - changes in use of force, detaining, probably cause for jail time. Handling of pursuits has not changed but is very restrictive, causing more crimes involving stolen, carjacking, etc., and criminals fleeing, knowing they will not be pursued. He also stated that the Washington Sheriff and Police Chief Association will be revisiting the pursuit limitations in 2023.

Kevin Tate - one of the industry events happening now is the decriminalization through legislation taking away the ability for enforcement. This has a huge negative disincentive impact on people within the system to do the job that most citizens believe we’re here to do. A lot of confusion right now....forcibly detain? Write ticket? No court? No jail? If we enforce the rules those people who are doing it will be controlled and those people who are thinking about doing it will be dissuaded. Comes down to What happens if I do, what happens if I don’t. The Good Guys are the Bad Guys and the Bad Guys walk. The consequences of turning the system upside down have created huge gaps for us organizationally as well as the communities.

John Reeves - Another change is the equipment we use. There was less lethal equipment such as 40 mil impact rounds, which is similar to a beanbag round, and our 12 gauge shotguns which had both a lethal and less lethal capability. All were taken away from us for a while but that has been reversed and we now have that equipment back. The goal has always been to de-escalate situations rather than use force.

Danielle Jenkins - Concerned with the impact the changes have on investigations involving juvenile suspects. The obstruction of mandating contact with a legal defense organization before we can even ask their side of the issue. The obstruction of not knowing what happened because we can’t talk to someone who might be held accountable without them being compelled to talk to a lawyer. They can’t waive that right under the current legislation and their parents can’t waive that right so we don’t get that child’s perspective if they listen to the lawyer, which almost always says don’t talk.

Desiree Cheung - We are incarcerating juveniles at a much lower level than in the past.

There are just under 300 youths statewide in our system with legislation passing the closure of the Naselle Youth Camp. All youth offenders are sent to either Green Hill School or Echo Glen Children's Center. Echo Glen recently had an escape which included an injury. With the sale of Naselle, it changes the landscape of what juveniles are looking at when they go into a residential setting. The legislature states we can hold youths up to the age of 25 and we received monies from CTS (Community Transition Services) to help with this. Some youth will not finish their full sentences while in residence, so they would be able to finish their sentences in the community on electronic home monitoring systems.

For rehabilitation purposes, we are offering services to all youth who are being released from the juvenile system regardless if they have parole or not. We call it After Care Youth in the Community for up to 12 months. We are incarcerating youth at much lower numbers than in the past. Currently, there are just under 300 youth statewide in our residential system, and with legislation passing the closure of Naselle Youth Camp our only two residential facilities are Green Hill School and Echo Glen Children Center. EG recently had an escape that resulted in a staff injury. With the closure of Naselle it changes the landscape of what juveniles are looking at when going into a residential setting. JR can hold youths with a JR sentence up to the age of 25 now.

We received monies for decision packages that allow us to implement CTS (Community Transition Services) This program allows youths who are eligible to complete their sentence on electronic home monitoring (EHM). We also have Community Assisted Reentry (CAR) this program allows JR to provide reentry services for youth that exit our system regardless if they have parole or not for up to one year from the date of release. We have step-down facilities where youth go from a residential facility to a community facility where they can work and go to school in the community. The JDI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative) is implemented in the juvenile court system and limits incarceration. This is before youth enter the JR system. We have Step Down Facilities where youth go from a residential facility to a step-down facility, then potentially to parole. The JDI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative) limits incarceration and doesn't incarcerate our youth.

Danielle Jenkins - People come in contact with the criminal justice system at various stages of life under a variety of circumstances. This is not a one size fits all but

not addressing deviant behaviors early on is not going to improve outcomes for the success of individuals and won't improve safety and livability in communities. One unintended consequence is not being able to know if a person wanting to purchase a gun has been arrested for a large number of offenses to prevent them from purchasing that weapon or getting a gun permit. The people who proposed this legislation did so so that bad behavior would not follow as an adult.

Another industry concern is we continue to see people leaving this career field at a very fast pace. It is difficult to get people to stay AND to get people who qualify in our opinion.

Kevin Tate - We are also having staffing issues. A lot of people now work from home and don't want to go into a residential setting. We are lacking the quality of people applying and the salary is not attractive.

VI. EDUCATION (LCC and K12) UPDATES

- A. Curriculum - None at this time**
- B. Labor Market - None at this time**
- C. Facilities, Equipment, Technology - None at this time**
- D. Student Success/Performance**

1. LCC Updates

Anita - We have put together on Canvas, four global skills that we assess for student learning, and rubrics specifically for each one. I take all outcomes that have to do with my courses and incorporated the global skill rubrics and incorporated them into Canvas. I now use those as part of my grading rubrics. I can switch over to a Learning Mastery Grade Book and it runs all my numbers. I am putting together for Doug Kazensky and Jason Arrowsmith.

2. K12 Updates

Lisa - Students are interested in the career but COVID has thrown students for a loop. They don't know what to do and don't seem to have a good grasp of what their future might look like. A very muddy picture right now. We are working hard to provide pathways to help students navigate the process. With social distancing lifting, we hope to incorporate guest speakers and more class activities to bring the fun back.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - Desiree asked if there are previous meeting minutes accessible to Committee members. Tamara will work with Anita to retrieve them and share them with committee members in a shared folder.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None at this time

IX. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS - Desiree mentioned that a The Trade Show is going on at LCC this week. Employers from trades and technology have tables set out and will be talking with students about what they have to offer. Military recruitment representatives, banks, credit unions, etc. will be available in The Student Center.

X. NEXT MEETING - Tamara will send a poll out to the committee in late summer, or early fall for the next regular meeting in Fall 2022. The committee agreed the meeting would be on Zoom.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Desiree Cheung made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kevin Tate seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Tamara Boyco

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