

2022 SRLJC Priorities

Angelle Gerl	Housing
	Mental Health/ Behavioral Health/ DVIT Treatments
	Drug and Alcohol Detox/Treatment
Justin Bingham	Implement a supervised release program across all three courts
	Robust use of the mental health stabilization center
	Comprehensive racial equity training across all agencies, as well as the implementation of a race equity checklist/process with all policy implementation.
Judge Aimee Maurer	Race/equity work
	Continued appropriate jail diversion options
	FTA rates/programming to further reduce warrants
Timothy Fitzgerald	Solidify the transition from a paper record court system to an electronic court record system. Make the electronic record the official court record.
	Enhance and focus on our therapeutic courts and diversion programs. How effective are they really, and if so, incorporate them more in to our criminal justice system processes.
	Coordinate our BLAKE ruling efforts to comply with the state Supreme Court ruling in an efficient and timely manner. I am the county BLAKE Program Manager, so the onus is on me to make this happen.
Chief Damon Simmons	Community Collaboration-community and police working together, proactively, to identify and address community issues and reduce intercommunity criminal activity.
	Interagency/organizational collaboration-criminal justice, social services, mental health, educational, etc....agencies or organizations communicating and working together towards a purpose or goal.
	Developing a Common Community Vision: The key to collaboration in our community is having a common vision regarding our criminal justice system. Working collaboratively with system partners (e.g., social services, mental health, educational, etc.) provides a greater opportunity for successful implementation of true community change.
Cheryl Tosfurd	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case Processing: Cases drag on for so long defendants just stop trying and often fail i.e. they FTA or get a new charge. Their problems are then compounded by an FTA or FTC on the original matter with the possibility of new charges now pending. Possible areas to address: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prosecutors early review of the case and charging decision. Staff the front-end with experienced attorneys who can quickly spot a Diversion case. b. Reduce court continuances

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. PD/client contact and on-going availability of PD to their clients d. Quicker system response to a defendant trying to get back on track, i.e. bench warrant recalls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Set-up a uniform three court system to quickly get the warrant(s) re-called if appropriate and set on a calendar. ii. Warrant fest has been successful in the past or consider creating an on-going self-surrender program that only involves jail booking on the most serious of cases. e. Work toward alternatives to a bench warrant for failure to appear. Booking folks for FTA over and over seems to be a waste of valuable resources and space.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. More opportunity to appear for court hearings and criminal justice related appointments at an outlying location in the County whether it be in person or via technology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many folks are way out in the County and don't have the means to get to the courthouse, find parking, navigate the buildings, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Expand and enhance online information and services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Audit law and justice departments to see if there are processes that can be put in place utilizing newer technology and software making it easier for citizens to conduct court and criminal justice related business online. More comprehensive information online to answer questions about the criminal justice and law enforcement system, how it works and what to expect, etc. would also be helpful.
Steve Bartel	<p>The Law & Justice Council comply with RCW 72.09.300 in the scope, operations, and authority. All members and guests should also be reminded regularly that opinions presented before the Council should be free from backlash derived from stereotypes and bias.</p>
	<p>Renew efforts toward establishment and operations of a Community Corrections center</p>
	<p>Potential impact and appropriate preparation of how Washington State Senate Bill SB5121 (Early release of convicted felons) on local law enforcement, detention service, courts, public defenders, prosecutors and related facilities.</p>
Mike Sparber	<p>The necessity to have open and honest dialog surrounding the ever-increasing inmate population, pressures placed on Spokane county Detention Services and the overarching need for development of a comprehensive detention philosophy with a "systems approach" to address these issues. This is particularly highlighted due to Senate Bill SV5121.</p>
	<p>The need to understand the role of the Law and Justice Council as defined in the statutes and generate/ refine the present bylaws to reflect our responsibilities and structure of the new council.</p>

	<p>Evaluate the present justice initiatives by requesting presentations and supporting information to ascertain the progress, roadblocks, and steps moving forward or termination of such initiatives. Solicit the concerns and recommendations from our key constituents and develop an internal process for vetting these viewpoints.</p>
<p>Larry Haskell</p>	<p>To remind all members and the public, as well as place on the Council web page, that the Council is operating under RCW 72.09.300. this Statue, which the Board of County Commissioners appropriately cited in enabling documents, sets forth the scope of our authority and of matters which are within our jurisdiction.</p>
	<p>To consider Washington State Senate Bill SB5121 which passed this session, and which will likely result in the early return of approximately 150 prisoners to our area and how this may impact police, detention services (jail and Geiger), courts, public defenders and prosecutors and related facilities, perhaps including matters such as reimaging detention services.</p>
	<p>To politely remind each other and public meeting guests, that all should refrain from criticism of each other based upon stereotypes when we disagree with any individual's candid comment or opinion on a matter before council.</p>