



Work Release Expansion Project

North Central Counties

June 2021



Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- Introductions and Review Contacts (confirm LAC members)
- Review and approve proposed Public Hearing Timeline
- Review and approve proposed Communication Plan
- Questions, Next Steps & Closing

Time	Topic	Lead
4:00 – 4:10	Introductions & Review Contacts	Mike Schindler, <i>Facilitator</i>
4:10 – 4:30	Public Hearing Timeline Review & Approval	Tony Lindgren, <i>KMB Consultant</i>
4:30 – 5:00	Communication Plan Review & Approval	Mark Kucza, <i>DOC Reentry Division Senior Administrator, Project Lead</i>
5:00 – 5:30	Questions, Next Steps & Closing	Mike Schindler

Mike Schindler, *Facilitator*

Introductions and Review Contacts

LAC Member Contact Information

Last Name	First Name	Representation	Email	Primary Phone
Crown	Steve	Wenatchee Police	scrown@wenatcheewa.gov	509-888-4201
Logan	Tim	Wenatchee DOC	telogan@doc1.wa.gov	509-431-0025
Moraga	Sebastian	Community Advocate	Moraga.svstar@gmail.com	509-885-7535
O'Neill	Kristi	Work Source - Community Liaison	kroneill@esd.wa.gov	
Overbay	Kevin	Chelan Commissioner	kevin.overbay@co.chelan.wa.us	509-667-6215
Romine	Lisa	Skills Source	lisar@skillsource.org	509-663-3091
Shull	Mike	Hospitality Ministries	southwind30@gmail.com	949-629-0566
Sleiman	Sasha	City of Wenatchee, Wenatchee Valley Chamber	Sasha@Wenatchee.org	509-433-1189

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Introductions and Review Contacts

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.

Public Hearing Timeline Review & Approval

Site Status

- Wenatchee - 401 Washington St.
Chelan County Regional Jail Annex
 - Conditional Use Permit (CUP) not required
 - 40 beds; dormitory style layout
 - Short term (3 years) WR opportunity, then long term “other” DOC use?
 - Detox, Violators, other?
- Wenatchee - 300 Okanogan Ave.
Deaconess Building
 - CUP required
 - 82 beds; traditional layout
 - Long term WR opportunity

Public Hearing Timeline Review & Approval

Proposed Timeline

- June 7 Executive Strategy Team (EST) debrief
- June 9 North Central Counties (Chelan) LAC meeting
Review/finalize Communication Plan (identify *all* stakeholders)
LAC approves timeline
- July 9 Facebook notice of August 11 - DOC First Public Hearing
- July 26 Official notice of DOC First Public Hearing sent to stakeholders
- August 11 **DOC First Public Hearing** ([RCW 72.65.220](#)) – Held virtually
Public Hearing in place of July LAC meeting
- September 8 North Central Counties (Chelan) LAC meeting
LAC confirm/make recommendation to Secretary ([WAC 137-57-050](#)) - letter
Secretary gives preliminary approval of sites selected - letter
Final LAC meeting?
- September 24 Facebook notice of October 27 - DOC Second Public Hearing
- October 11 Official notice of DOC Second Public Hearing sent to stakeholders.
- October 27 **DOC Second Public Hearing** ([RCW 72.65.220](#)) – Held virtually
- November ?? City of Wenatchee – Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing
Deaconess - Secretary considers comments, grants, or withholds final approval of proposed sites ([WAC 137-57-060](#)) - letter
Chelan County Jail Annex - Secretary considers comments, grants, or withholds final approval of proposed sites ([WAC 137-57-060](#)) - letter

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Proposed Timeline Approval

- Discussion/comments
- LAC vote to approve and proceed with schedule

Communication Plan Review & Approval

LAC Communication Plan



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- **Outreach and Hearings informed by RCW, WAC and local rules as well as LAC recommendations**
- **Stakeholders list development (RCW 72.65.220)**
 - All newspapers of general circulation in the local area and all local radio stations, television stations, and cable networks;
 - Appropriate school districts, private schools, kindergartens, city and county libraries, and all other local government offices within a one-half mile radius of the proposed site or sites;
 - The local chamber of commerce, local economic development agencies, and any other local organizations that request such notification from the department; and
 - In writing to all residents and/or property owners within a one-half mile radius of the proposed site or sites.
- **DOC Director of Engagement & Outreach drafting Facebook post**

Communication plan considerations:

- **Sites Close in Proximity to One Another**
 - Combined contacts, notifications, and hearings
- **Combined Pre and Post-Covid Communication Strategies**
 - Traditional print media and post card mailings
 - Social media (DOC and City of Wenatchee Facebook Postings)
 - Virtual Hearings
- **Other tools?**
 - One (two) pager
 - Other ideas?

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Specific groups to meet (and exceed) the notification requirements identified in the RCW.

- United Neighborhood Association
- Community Housing Network, Coordinated Entry, YWCA, Women's Resource Center
- Catholic Charities
- Community Action Council
- Managed Care Organizations: Molina, Amerigroup, and Coordinated Care
- Training: SkillSource, Wenatchee Valley College
- Transit: Link Transit
- Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Employers who have experience with Work Release participants (Crunch Pak, Standard Pallet, Louws Trusses, and apple packing businesses like Stemilt)
- WorkSource – Kristi O'Neill (already part of the LAC, taking place of Ashley Olson)

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Specific groups (continued)

- Coordinated Care
- Amerigroup
- Wenatchee Valley College
- Blue Star
- Starr Ranch
- Community Partnership Transition Services (CPTS)

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Specific media outlets

- Wenatchee Daily World
- Quincy Valley Post-Register
- Columbia Basin Herald (ML)
- Grand Coulee Star
- iFiberOne
- The Leavenworth Echo
- Cashmere Valley Record
- Lake Chelan Mirror
- Douglas County Empire Press
- Quad City Herald
- Wenatchee Business Journal
- The Okanogan Valley Gazette Tribune
- KORE-FM
- Talk 1067
- KOHO 101.1
- KQBG 99.5
- Methow Valley News
- KPQ 102.1 FM
- KPQ 560 AM
- NCW Life TV
- The Odessa Record
- Basin Business Journal
- Grant County Journal

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Specific government groups (continued):

- Wenatchee City Council
- East Wenatchee City Council
- Mayor's offices
- Chelan and Douglas County Commissioners
- School districts (Eastmont, Wenatchee, DSHS, principals and Superintendents)
- Local law enforcement (WPD, EWPD, DCSO, CCSO, and WSPatrol)
- Department of Health and Social Services (DSHS)
- Other State Agencies (E.G. ESD, Commerce, Health)

Proposed Communication Plan Approval

- Discussion/comments
- LAC vote to approve and proceed with plan

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
 - North Central Counties
 - docwrexpandnc@doc1.wa.gov
- DOC First Public Hearing
 - Wednesday, August 11, 2021
- Next LAC meeting
 - Wednesday, September 8, 2021 (recurring 2nd Wednesday of each month)

Thank you!