



Human Services Work Report April 2021



Policy & Budget:

Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB)

The CHSAB has completed their review of the housing category of the HPAC recommendations. Project Management Consultant Rachel Adams is drafting a report to share about the process that the board has gone through, the information the board has gathered and the preferred solutions to help those who are currently experiencing homelessness in Monroe. The CHSAB will review of the report in May.

The Community Human Services Advisory Board is beginning to review the public safety category of the HPAC recommendations. In April, the board had presentations from the Monroe Police Department Community Outreach Team, Judge Ness, and the city's public defense team – attorney, Jason Schwisow and social worker, Nicole Nagle.

To view the Agenda materials please visit the City Website:
<https://www.monroewa.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=99>

Project Management Consultant Rachel Adams is using an issues log to keep track of action items raised by board members, for follow up and reporting back to the board.

Partners, Support Services & Prevention:

Community Asset Mapping and Facilitated Program Development

The RFP for a consultant to perform the Community Asset Mapping and Facilitated Program Development was released to the public on March 1st. The City received three applications from consultants. The RFP review committee met to score and discuss the potential applicants. Of the three consultants, two were selected to be interviewed. The interview panel consisted of City Staff, the CHSAB Chair Pro-tem and two key stakeholders who are both CHSAB and TAC members. The interview team recommended Kulik Strategic Advisors. The CHSAB will review the consultant's proposal and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

Project Management Consultant Rachel Adams has started drafting a Project Management tool known as a stakeholder's register and communication matrix to keep track of all the key stakeholders and points of contact involved in this project.

Service Providers and Resources



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The service providers continue to connect on a monthly Zoom call to share information and resources and continue collaborating. This meeting is being held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10am. These meetings are for local service providers to check in, collaborate, network, and respond to emerging community needs. New partners, and collaborators are encouraged to join the efforts, and share about local programs and needs.

At the April meeting John Hull of the Everett Gospel Mission and the Snohomish County Partnership to End Homelessness Continuum of Care (PEH CoC) joined the group to share a presentation that the PEH CoC Communications team has been working on.

The May service provider check in will also incorporate our TAC members. At this meeting Ms. Deborah Knight will present on the American Rescue Plan Act funding priorities and collect input from this group of community members and key stakeholders.

East County Coordinated Entry

Sultan Volunteers of America (VOA) is leading this collaborative partnership. Partners include Take the Next Step, Catholic Community Services, Saint Vincent de Paul, the City of Monroe, Community Outreach Team, embedded social workers, and other local service providers. VOA provides access to County services through the East County Coordinated Entry contract with Snohomish County. This collaborative will work toward rapid rehousing solutions or assisting with rapid resolution services for people living in East County. They will also maintain a shared local presence, using a roaming service model, to meet with clients in Snohomish, Monroe, Sultan, Index and Gold Bar. Project Management Consultant Rachel Adams has been asked to be the facilitator for this group.

The Collaborative is working to find a good location in Snohomish to do outreach and connect people to the new Resource Navigator. The Resource Navigator is in Monroe on Mondays at Take the Next Step, and on Fridays at St. Vincent de Paul.

Housing & Public Safety:

Grassroots Sheltering Efforts

Local grassroot sheltering and transitional housing efforts are being explored by Roger Evans, the Community Outreach Director of New Hope Fellowship. He has enlisted the support of several leaders of the local faith community and is working hard to establish the much-needed transitional housing programs that are currently in short supply county wide. Roger Evans was able to generate funds for New Hope Fellowship Community Outreach during a recent community garage sale. Roger is reaching out to the faith community in cooperation with the Monroe School District prevention team to look at potential solutions for Monroe families.



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Local Human Service Events during Covid19

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
211 East County Navigator at TTNS				211 East County Navigator at SVDP		
		Sky Valley Foodbank 2pm-5pm	MPD Outreach Team			
TTNS Outreach Team		TTNS Outreach Team		TTNS Outreach Team		
		USDA Food Box Distribution at Seventh Day Adventist Church 11am-3pm				
		Hot Food Event 12pm-1pm at the Library	Hot Food Event 12pm-1pm at the Library		Hot Food at Foursquare Church 10am	
	Food Share 9:30am at The Library	Food Gleanings 2pm-4pm at The Rock Church	Grocery Distribution at French Creek Manor 2pm-4pm	Food Gleanings 4pm-6pm at The Rock Church		
VOA Showers 10pm-2pm		VOA Showers 12pm-5pm				

(April 7 - 1,424 Reached)



We recently asked, 'What is the story of your name?' From Monroe resident Marcus Abarcus: "mine is actually a VERY long story.... here's the "cliff notes" version... a professor i had in college challenged me to live my ideals... i was an english major, and kept debating her about the ridiculousness of the english language... things like capital letters, and silent letters in words.. so, in honor of every child who goes through the "tony bologna" stage of making fun of each other's names, i changed mine to marcus abarcus.. no capitals, of course.. it's made my adult life much more interesting... i have a GREAT photo... it's a different part of the story.... here's the photo's story... i called my mother, years after i had changed my name, and asked her if she would do something for me, if i died... she asked if i was dying... i said, NO... but, if i DID actually die, i wanted her to bury me on a piece of land, and plant a tree over me... i wanted a plaque to be put up in front of the tree... the plaque would read, "here lies the carcass of marcus abarcus..." one year, for halloween, i made my own tombstone, and shook hands with my dead hand.." (April 14 – 846 Reached)





We Are Monroe WA Stories April 2021



(April 21 – 2,325 Reached)



What is one concert
you will never forget?

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The goal of #WeAreMonroeWA is to elevate commonalities and shared values among City of Monroe residents, spark connections, and ultimately cultivate empathy that is grounded in shared humanity rather than circumstances. Similar to Humans of New York.

#WeAreMonroeWA will feature about the people who make Monroe the amazing community it is. Because we are all Monroe. Have a story to share? Email wearemonroewa@monroewa.gov, or text 360-722-1684. Please include a photo with your story submission, and if it is about a specific person, their contact information so the City can get their permission to share the story.



Share your story!
#WeAreMonroeWA

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The April 1, 2021 Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB) meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chair Harrigan. Mr. Tyler Christian facilitated roll call.

Attendees:

Board Members

Tony Balk
Jim Bloss
Roger Evans
Lynsey Gagnon

Sarah Lunstrum

Bridgette Tuttle
Aisha Sial

James Harrigan

Members

Amy Plumb

Todd Strickler

City of Monroe

Rachel Adams
Tyler Christian

Absent:

Jose Luis Nino De Guzman
Bryan Lipsy
Amber Mehta

Community Members:

Sgt. Paul Ryan
Judge Jessica Ness
Margaret Ray

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Pro-tem Balk made the motion to approve the 03.18.2021 CHSAB Meeting Minutes. Board Member Bloss seconded. Motion carried: 8-0

DISCUSSION

Presentation and discussion with Sergeant Paul Ryan from the Monroe Police Department Community Outreach Team. (Rachel Adams)

Sgt Paul Ryan gave a brief overview of the MPD Community Outreach Team: The team focuses on homelessness, substance abuse and mental health. These are the three areas that their funding is also

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attached to. There is an outreach and an enforcement component to the program. Outreach is performed much more than enforcement.

Embedded social worker: Elisa Delgado is on a part time contract with Snohomish County Human Services. She is in Monroe on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Delgado and Ofc. Springer provide ongoing case management.

The Diversion Center: Community Outreach teams across the County. Operated by Pioneer Human Services. It is not a come and go facility. If an individual absconds from the program they have to wait 14 days to come back.

Sgt. Ryan also shared some information with the Board on the SODA Ordinance that was established in 2018: The ordinance seems to be working but also just makes the problem less visible or shifts the problem elsewhere.

Sgt. Ryan also shares about the No Sit No Lie Ordinance in Monroe that was also established in 2018: Sgt. Ryan explained that the Ordinance needs to be refined. It is intended for the downtown core but there are also store fronts over at Lake Tye. The exceptions to the Ordinance put officers in somewhat of an awkward position of assessing disabilities. There is a notice process and every time people have been given the notice they have gotten up and moved.

Sgt. Ryan shared that one of the challenges that are faced with is addressing the debris, litter and biohazard introduced into the environment from encampments. Monroe has enough forested areas that sometimes it feels like people are just being pushed from one area to another.

The proximity of the Diversion Center has been very helpful. Sgt. Ryan shared a little bit about Temporary release orders for individuals who are getting help. If the individual violates the treatment plan it is considered an escape. This is one of the areas where when outreach has not been successful, then enforcement becomes case.

Board Member Bloss asked what the system does with people that seem hopeless or are career criminals? Mr. Bloss expressed that these seem to be symptoms that the person needs help. Sgt. Ryan responded that he thinks that by the time its reached law enforcement these individuals already been failed several times. Sgt. Ryan shared that he likes to measure with pieces of success. Mr. Bloss replied that he felt that it was like we only can go so far or want to go so far... Mr. Bloss shared that he also did not have any solutions just that he felt that there are individuals who need help and assistance beyond what we are providing.

Chair Harrigan responded that he believed the place to start is definitely by caring.

Chair Pro-tem Balk pointed out that Sgt. Ryan had mentioned a couple times people going to treatment on a bus. Mr. Balk asked if this was due to a lack of capacity? Sgt. Ryan replied that the treatment centers used are outside the area. Sgt. Ryan also mentioned that though he has never been an addict,

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he assumes it may be helpful to do treatment outside the area where the individual was active in their habit. On graduation day, the Outreach Team meets them at the transit center and helps get them situated in clean and sober housing for 3-6 months. Mr. Balk pointed out that it is important to know if we do have a sufficient number of facilities. Sgt. Ryan responded that he will check into it further and provide that information.

Member Plumb responded that we don't have enough treatment. The answer is no.

Member Strickler verified that once the individual has completed treatment then they are placed in sober housing? Sgt. Ryan expounded that the clean and sober housing supply is pretty good. Sgt. Ryan also shared that an area of the program that could be improved was the relationship with the client after treatment. Sgt. Ryan shared that this is also time consuming and would mean case management spanning months if not years.

Board Member Balk asked if there were any thoughts on changing the SODA area? Sgt. Ryan shared that the topic was a hot item when it was being established because people didn't want certain places to be labeled. Mr. Balk verified that the Ordinance has not necessarily reduced encampments but spread them to other areas. Sgt. Ryan replied that while he hasn't looked at the numbers, he can tell we are improving lives.

Board Member Sial asked if the social worker was finding that part time was enough to do her job well? Sgt. Ryan responded that yes, he is not convinced that a full time social worker would be more effective. Ms. Sial requested information about what her job is like and her work conditions. Sgt. Ryan responded that now at the 5th year of the program it would be marking a good time to have that conversation and report back.

Board Member Bloss mentioned that a lot can be learned from keeping records and data. Mr. Bloss asked if MPD tracked success/failure rates and how MPD verifies the viability of these programs? Sgt. Ryan replied that they do a good job of communicating in the police department, and Snohomish County does a good job of tracking and reporting. The hard part is when someone falls off the path and it takes some detective work to find out where they are and/or what did they do. Mr. Bloss replied that in the medical system there is an effort to track this type of thing as a Continuum of Care. Mr. Bloss shared that he thought it also seems like this is necessary in law enforcement. Sgt. Ryan responded that they are tracking activities in the form of standardized police reports. Mr. Bloss mentioned that he had talked to some of the local homeless folks. Mr. Bloss offered that we could learn something from them. Sgt. Ryan replied that he believed you would find a lot of trauma in their childhoods.

Board Member Tuttle asked if SODA offenses were leading to long jail times. Sgt. Ryan replied that it is usually a combination of things. Judge Ness offered that the typically the length of time being served is a negotiated agreement that comes before the court. Ms. Tuttle expressed that she was wondering if that is really effective? Judge Ness responded that the law passed in 2018 that if a person is defined as

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indigent, then the court cannot impose fines and fees. Ms. Tuttle explained that she has occasion to talk to a lot of people. Yes, there are people who have trauma but also have had people sitting out front of her business holding a gun. Ms. Tuttle wants her staff to feel safe taking the garbage out at night. "We all want to help but we need to try to help everyone." Ms. Tuttle then asked Sgt. Ryan Been if there was one thing in the City of Monroe what would you see happen? Sgt. Ryan replied that he believed in leaving things better then you found it. Sgt. Ryan mentioned that the debris, litter and damage happening in the forested areas is a real problem. City Parks department has been great but other pieces of land in this community are more difficult. Ms. Tuttle asked if perhaps asking the State to address their right of ways might be something we could suggest as a recommendation? Sgt. Ryan responded with yes.

Board Member Gagnon expressed thanks to both Sgt. Ryan and Judge Ness for being at the meeting. Ms. Gagnon asked if the Police Department ever got calls from jail of individuals being ready for help? Sgt. Ryan replied that yes, they will send KYTES. Jason Schwizow is great, so generally those requests will come from him. Ms. Gagnon also asked if the outreach teams' network? Sgt. Ryan responded that yes there is networking with Sheriff's Office and Arlington outreach. Sgt. Ryan also has a first responders outreach meeting he attends.

Board Member Lunstrum echoed everyone's appreciation. Ms. Lunstrum shared that the Outreach Team is an awesome resource and partner to have. Whenever she calls she feels she gets someone who cares as much about the person as she does.

Chair Harrigan asked if the program funding for the social worker was squared away. PR: squared away through 2022 and a commitment from the Mayor who has been very committed to their efforts.

Presentation and Discussion with Judge Jessica Ness of the Monroe Municipal Court. (Rachel Adams)

Judge Ness facilitated a conversation with the CHSAB the criminal process. Judge Ness also spoke about the probations department and the outreach team. Judge Ness expressed that the Monroe Community Outreach team is a great program executed very well and the community is lucky to have them.

Judge Ness began by explaining that there is a homeless population and then also there are criminal offenders. So, there is an intersection where there are homeless people who commit crimes, and then there are homeless, and then there are criminals.

Judge Ness shared a type of case study and how a case works through the process.

Judge Ness also shared that Monroe is the only court in Snohomish County that does not have a probations officer, and that could be a way to work on that extended outreach with the police department. Judge Ness shared her vision of a probation's counselor.

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Judge Ness also said that she would love an informational sheet about services to share at the court on Wednesdays.

Board Member Tuttle how a probations officer is funded, who sets it up? Judge Ness replied that the recommendation from the recent Court Assessment study is for a probations officer. The funding was not available in the 2021 budget but hopefully it will be in the 2022 budget. Judge Ness has also been tracking people that a Community Court could help. She said that that number was not very high which she thinks is because of the great work the Community Outreach Team is doing. Ms. Tuttle replied that this group was working on crafting a recommendation that would go to the mayor.

Board Member Bloss asked if the Community Court is still on the HPAC list. Ms. Adams replied that yes it is. Mr. Bloss also mentioned that an interesting part of the Community Court is a citizens advisory group. Judge Ness expressed that this is a great idea! And she liked it very much.

Board Member Sial asked about Judge Ness's vision of the Community Court – what obstacles are you facing? Advocating for Probations Officer, Citizen Advisory Board, an information sheet...anything else? Judge Ness replied that the biggest obstacle is the probations' part. That Monroe really need the probations officer to get things moving particularly the Community Court. The Municipal Court can't do it with the current level of staffing. Judge Ness shared that she knows the Mayor is committed but that his hands also get tied when there is only so much money and they need more money to fund the probations officer. *(Will send the court assessment to this group.)*

Chair Harrigan asked if the Court was just the City level so operating within the City limits? Judge Ness replied that the location is at City Hall. Chair Harrigan clarified that he was asking about other jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions. Judge Ness responded that yes there would be information about that in the report also. Chair Harrigan asked if we could we recruit in Sultan and Gold Bar? Judge Ness replied that Chair Harrigan raises a really good point. Offenders are offending throughout the Sky Valley.

Board Member Bloss asked if Monroe isn't going to get some of the federal CARES act dollars Judge Ness replied that they are making every effort we can to get some outside funding.

Chair Harrigan asked about Mental Health Court? Judge Ness responded that she definitely sees a combination of Homelessness, Substance Disorder, and Mental Health. Pretrial she don't have an ability to talk to people about their cases. Cause at any point someone could choose to take their case to trial. Posttrial she can have someone submit treatment reports. Judge Ness also extended an invite to the CHSAB to come to court when its open again! Judge Ness mentioned a Mental Health Court out of Everett division but said that a Community Court is all encompassing. Chair Harrigan asked if we set up a Community Court could Sultan use it? Judge Ness responded that Sultan is still filing into the District Court. District Court is trying to set up a Community Court but they are not ready yet. Chari Harrigan shared that Community Court is great because for someone with mental health regular court is

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overwhelming and stressful. Judge Ness agreed and shared that her vision is where everyone sits at tables and meeting as a team to talk about how to best support this person.

Judge Ness mentioned open access to the courts and doing police ride along are ways that people can see what's happening.

Board Member Tuttle asked on behalf of Ms. Adams (who doesn't have a virtual hand as the host of the zoom) How much does a Parole Officer cost? Judge Ness replied that there is a range and she can research and find out. Ms. Tuttle replied that that would be great as part of crafting a recommendation. Ms. Tuttle also asked when is court? Judge Ness replied Wednesday and that she could coordinate information through Rachel. Judge Ness reiterated that she can't talk about the people but can talk about the process. Board Member Tuttle also asked about the Citizens Academy and if that was coming back anytime soon. Sgt. Ryan responded that they need the campus to reopen first. Sgt. Ryan also added that Social Worker Delgado does work out in Sultan twice a week. Ms. Tuttle asked about Carolyn Eslick and what kind of advocacy might be done on a state level.

Board Member Lundstrom mentioned that the City of Marysville recently gave \$100,000 for a community resource center. Chair Harrigan responded that it all starts with people caring.

Sgt. Ryan read some follow up on available treatment facilities and Social Worker capacity that he received from Elisa Delgado by email.

"The CHSAB meeting went well tonight –

I had two follow-up questions from the appointed board members, both I was hoping you could provide insight on.

There was a question why we send people to treatment in jurisdictions far from Monroe? There was some curiosity why there was not a treatment facility in Snohomish County being used, and perhaps, an indication of need? Thoughts?

One board member asked if your time working (2) days a work was sufficient, or, if there would be a benefit to having expanded hours, or, full-time?"

(Delgado's reply from the email) "For the first question, the only inpatient treatment center currently in Snohomish County that accepts state insurance is Evergreen Recovery Centers Pregnant and Parenting Womens program in Everett. They are currently working on making the unused portion of Denny Youth Center into an inpatient center for medicaid to be run by Pioneer Human Services. We also look at the individual and help them chose the program that will be best for them and their needs as each treatment center is a little different in their approach and specialties (i.e., some are co-occurring, some

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are mens only or womens only, some focus on trauma, etc). The treatment center in Monroe will only accept Medicaid if the person is pregnant, otherwise it is all private insurance.

For the second, in my current capacity, I think two days is enough. Justin, do you agree? I don't see the same number of homeless that we did in the past. It doesn't mean it won't change when summer hits."

Board Member Sial mentioned a recent call out from Snohomish NAACP to prosecute in Racial Hate Crimes. Any comments about this showing up in Monroe.

Sgt. Ryan replied that there is specific policy regarding response on hate crimes. The Investigations unit has to follow up and the FBI would be involved. Board Member Sial asked about homelessness hate crimes? Sgt. Ryan replied that that would assert that Homelessness is a protected class.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59pm Board Member Bloss made the motion to adjourn. Board Member Lunstrum seconded.
Motion carried: 8-0.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The April 15, 2021 Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB) meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chair Pro-tem Balk. Mr. Tyler Christian facilitated roll call.

Attendees:

Board Members

Bryan Lipsy	City of Monroe
Tony Balk	Rachel Adams
Jim Bloss	Tyler Christian
	Deborah Knight
Lynsey Gagnon	Mayor Thomas
James Harrigan(<i>arrived at 6:06pm</i>)	Council Member Rousey

Members

Amy Plumb	Todd Strickler
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Absent:

Roger Evans

Community Members:

Jason Schwisow

Nicole Nagle

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Bloss made the motion to approve the 03.18.2021 CHSAB Meeting Minutes. Board Member Lipsy seconded. Motion carried: 10-0

Board Member Sial inquired how things in the minutes get tracked and added into the action plan. Ms. Knight suggested that the board Chair keep track and ask if the board would like to bring an item back. Chair

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Pro-tem Balk Concurred that it is always best to make a formal motion and have a second.

DISCUSSION

Discussion with Public Defender, Jason Schwisow, and Forensic Social Worker, Nicole Nagle of the Monroe Law Association. (Rachel Adams)

Mr. Schwisow Shared his background and experience. Mr. Schwisow remarked that criminal justice does more than just “what did you do”, “what are you charged with”. He shared that he is now working with a social worker and resources. He also shared that he needs the client’s participation in that. Monroe has been looking at how to increase resources and what can assist people in need with sobriety and housing.

Board Member Bloss asked if Mr. Schwisow’s office was Connected with Snohomish County Public Defenders resources? Mr. Schwisow responded that his offices are located downtown Monroe not in Everett, but that sometimes there is some overlap. Mr. Bloss asked Mr. Schwisow: “If you had a wish list – A lot of things that we could use, that would be great to have. Have some thoughts?” Mr. Schwisow began by saying access to housing resources for juveniles. He remarked that there are many causes of homelessness. A shelter for domestic violence victims was mentioned so that they could transition to a better environment, but not end up on the streets. Mr. Schwisow shared that there are concerns about concentrating the issue, but that in reality they already congregate. Taking them from an environment that lacks structure and transitioning them to something that has more structure would be better. In terms of treatment Mr. Schwisow brought up that Sea Mar and The Evergreen Monroe Treatment Center are about a six week wait, and Everett is about an eight week wait. Transportation was also on Mr. Schwisow’s wish list to aid with resources being not just available but also being accessible. He also added having more access to phone and internet and job training as well.

Board Member Lunstrum Introduced herself as part of Take the Next Step in Monroe and offered their resources. Mr. Schwisow replied that he refers people to TTNS a lot. He added that he thinks TTNS receiving even more support would also help others.

Board Member Lipsy commented that Mr. Schwisow provided a long list and asked, “who is keeping track” and “how will this show up in the Needs Assessment”. Nicole Nagle responded that she sits on the Technical Advisory Committee and is representing and bringing that long list to them.

Ms. Nagle introduced herself and gave some info on the embedded social worker program. The program is essential because a lot of clients have trouble interacting with police and the legal system. Ms. Nagle works closely with Elise Delgado the Monroe Police Department embedded social worker so that clients don’t have to have the extra contact with Law Enforcement. Ms. Nagle also meets with a Snohomish County Advisory Group to share resources in Snohomish County and is looking into King County for resources too. Ms. Nagle reported that Compass Health in Everett is on standby and that Sea Mar only taking people in Lynnwood which doesn’t leave a lot of resources for people who are on Medicare. Ms. Nagle’s wish list is for a place for these people to go.

Jason Schwisow brought up the Diversion Center as a temporary place to go. He said that it is “really a jail.

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It is a secured facility. It is something to get off the streets but it's a jail." He said that it is tough to convince people that its better then their current circumstances. It does work as an exit from jail. He said that he wouldn't enjoy going and living there. "That's not housing. That's not a house."

Nicole Nagle added that this process can take more then: we meet them at pretrial and then they decide they want to go to treatment and turn their lives around. She said that that's not the case. A lot of folks aren't ready to give up their lifestyle.

Board Member Tuttle Going brought back something that was mentioned about not having support from the community. "What support and what community?" Ms. Nagle replied that it is more than just funding or resources. It is about having community conversations. She said that Monroe is miles ahead of most communities. Other communities are still in discussion phases. Ms. Tuttle followed up asking if that is because they are unwilling or unable? Ms. Nagle responded that that was a good question. Chair Harrigan added that it can be hard to differentiate between the two.

Board Member Nino De Guzman asked about the case load. Mr. Schwisow responded that it depends. Based on the contract with the City of Monroe they have about 400 a year. Mr. Schwisow added a question of "how many are frequent flyers?" Ms. Nagle supplemented that they have 50 give or take of folks they think are doing well and then they come back. She added that they have a very transient case load. Mr. Nino De Guzman asked, "Does your counterpart feel the same about helping people?" Mr. Schwisow responded that the mindset overall is healthy and a good way to treat people. On the more important things they are on the same page. Mr. Nino De Guzman asked if "by the time they get to you – do you think there is an opportunity to educate or reeducate law enforcement?" Mr. Nino De Guzman also added that he applauds everything youre doing. Ms. Nagle responded that it is important that our communities are able to help people before they have to do something so awful they go to jail to get housed and access to resources there. Mr. Schwisow added that if they're even incarcerated in prison they have access to resources they don't have in jail.

Board Member Sial asked if a Community Court would be a good investment of City funds? Mr. Schwisow gave a "qualified maybe." He said he knows that there is interest in Monroe. He was also part of a group that traveled over to Spokane to take a look at their Community Court which is the standard for the State. Mr. Schwisow added the importance for a Community Court to have access to the resources and had them there on site and available to the clients. Otherwise it is just a Community Court in name only. Ms. Nagle added that the person who is supposed to be helping the client has to support them, not just tell on them. Board Member Sial requested that the defense team send the CHSAB an email of a scalable Spokane model. Mr. Schwisow shared that he was not sure what the best way to try and accomplish that is. He added that in Monroe's case they are all pretty much on the same page.

Chair Harrigan asked if Mr. Schwisow felt there was a distinction between a probations officer and a probations counselor? Mr. Schwisow replied that he "didn't buy it. A Counselor is going to have confidentiality." Mr. Schwisow shared that he didn't like the terminology because he does not think it works in practice. It is important to try and have trust and that's hard.

Board Member Nino De Guzman ask if the City Prosecutor was sourced out? Mr. Schwisow replied that there

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was just one office. Mr. Nino De Guzman asked if Mr. Schwisow thought they had a sincere interest in the community or was it business arm's length? Mr. Schwisow shared that he thought it was more the former. He thinks they are genuinely interested in Monroe. Mr. Nino De Guzman asked if Monroe currently had a probations officer? Mr. Schwisow replied that Monroe has clerks that take on additional duties. Mr. Nino De Guzman asked if Mr. Schwisow thought the current clerks were balancing what's best for the individual? Mr. Schwisow replied that he thinks they do a fine job and they are willing to talk to him. He said they are very helpful. Ms. Nagle added that Monroe's court staff know the people. Monroe has that small town feeling that were in this together. She added that right now there is very little adversarial feeling which is not something that happens in the courts very often. Mr. Schwisow also remarked that there is a shared interest in treating each other with respect.

Ms. Knight shared that City Staff is intending to handle this module similar to how we handled the Housing module: a number of meetings and then an opportunity to make recommendations. It is a good idea to have a Wishlist with all the stakeholders involved. And to get a good job description of the Probations Officer.

Board Member Sial made the following motion: I move that we ask the three parts of the municipal court to give us a wish list to us. Board Member Bloss seconds the motion: motion carries 10/0.

American Rescue Plan Act Allocation Alternatives. (Deborah Knight)

Ms. Knight shared information and background on the ARPA. This is an opportunity to begin to get ideas on the table on how to allocate the money. The goal is to get as much input from the community about how to utilize the funds. The City of Monroe is expected to receive 3.5 billion dollars in two distributions.

Mayor Thomas added that the priorities for this funding are to support recovery, build resiliency, and reconnect the community. City Staff is looking for current gaps and suggestions on ways to fill gaps with deeper, broader and more meaningful support for the community.

Board Member Lunstrum offered that there are gaps in undocumented families. She also shared that in rental assistance a concern is if landlords don't pass the help they are receiving to their tenants.

Board Member Tuttle offered a suggestion to look at the restrictions on help and the application process.

Board Member Bloss asked how are we going to know how to come up with a priority list if we don't know how much were getting?

Ms. Knight shared that there are some short term things that are obvious but we can also reserve some money for the long term.

Mayor Thomas added that the intent is to just want to get ideas up on a wall and that he would like to add things from this group to that list.

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Board Member Gagnon brought up rental assistance again and shared that people only qualify at 80% or less of AMI. Ms. Gagnon brought up the gap in assistance to those people who just aren't poor enough to qualify for support and brought up Mortgage assistance. Ms. Gagnon also offered a Monroe family resource support center as a gap.

Chair Pro-tem Balk seconded about a Monroe resource center. Mr. Balk added whatever gaps to keep people in their houses and stressed that we need to close those gaps. He brought up building resiliency. He also listed off the traffic light at 179th, a quiet railroad, and that the City could provide residents tickets to local events. Mr. Balk also offered the suggestion of a low power FM station as a way to build community.

Chair Harrigan supported the priority and direction of increasing mental health. He added that he supported all the priorities and the priority of a Monroe family resource center.

Board Member Bloss added his support along with Chair Harrigan on the Monroe family support center.

Ms. Knight offered to put back this item back on the agenda and bring it back to the board for more discussion.

Mayor Thomas added that City Staff had intentionally not come forward with a full list desiring for people to bring up ideas that maybe they hadn't thought of.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Knight shared that there is a staff report in agenda materials on Municipal Court.

Mr. Christian gratitude for those joining the planning commission meeting

Board Member Tuttle requested organization and clarity how this board pushes ideas up and clarity on making motions on things we want to see going forward. Ms. Tuttle stressed the need for City Staff to clarify our processes.

Ms. Knight asked about the CHSAB being invited to join the Planning Commission.

Mr. Christian added that he would speak with staff on the agenda plan for the joint meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04pm Board Member Bloss made the motion to adjourn. Board Member Lunstrum seconded. Motion carried: 10-0.

