

Public Safety Committee

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Mayor Stephanson, Chair Judy Tuohy, Jeff Moore, Brenda Stonecipher, Debra Bryant, Chief Dan Templeman, Hill Kaman, Deputy Chief Mark Sinclair and staff.

Lead sampling update - Dave Davis

Our Infrastructure was built at the turn of the century through 1930's and to make main connections down the street to the service lines they commonly used lead. Through annexation, Everett did acquire some galvanized products, iron being one of those. Three weeks ago, through issues with Tacoma, Everett decided to do some sampling Best of Everett records have identified 15 homes with galvanized or lead service lines. They narrowed those to 11 then down to 2 service lines to residential that were galvanized. Everett went out with dept. of Health did testing inside of the homes. They went inside 5 homes, were able to connect with 1 home and knew of another 4 had galvanized. Results found were extremely favorable. The one house had 1 part per billion with the threshold being 15 parts per billion. With those results no further testing was done. With Everett going from direct service lines to metered lines with the suspicion that joggling of plumbing a new fixture on that line may have led to the lead findings. Techs in Everett will follow the meter line so they can check lead levels and provide new customers a flushing procedure to alleviate any concern they may have and to make sure our testing procedure is working at the onset. Everett put a lot of effort in the filtration plant to deal with lead. Tacoma supplied a lot of well water to their customer's which Everett does not have. This may have led to their concerns. Everett will continue to take measures, such as backtrack to make sure there are no issues. Should Everett residents do some sort of testing if they have galvanized pipes? Is there a type of testing? If concerned flush a couple of times or turn facet on to flush the lines. If concerned, you can call public works.

Embedded Social Worker- Chief Dan Templeman

Explained the program and evolution. 2013, Everett Police explored outside agencies were doing with some of the issues of homelessness. Jack Jessup and Sgt. Bruce Bosman went to Santa Monica PD to find out what works what did not. They came back with Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker program. This takes and embeds trained social workers into patrol. They are not in the office they are directly in the patrol division. This expedites the ability for the social worker to hit the street and to provide some of that professional training that police officers don't have. They also go out proactively with patrol to hit the Chronic utilizers or repeat offenders who are amenable to social services to be directly connected at the scene. Catholic Community Services provided patrol with cards to hand out but many did not show up. The Embedded Social Worker brings initial contact or service to the individual on the street. By going to places such as outside the mission, in a proactive fashion to allow the social worker to interact with individual right away, allows social worker more time, frees up the usual 3 or 4 hours that officers were initially doing, the social worker with the training expertise and contacts

were able to assist. Historic arrests were now being diverted out of the criminal justice system and breaking the cycle. One case can take dozens of hours to get someone in to service. 2014 the concept was provided to Streets Initiative folks who were overwhelming supportive. 2015 the city partnered with the County. The program was very well received with officers and the community. The impact the one individual had was they had the time, able to divert them out of the criminal justice period. In a 5 week sample, the Embedded Social Worker was able to place 2 individuals in to permanent housing, 1 in to VA housing, 3 in to detox, 2 in to inpatient, 1 to outpatient, 3 to temporary 90 day housing, 3 Chemical dependency assessments, total of 51 client contacts and 120 client case management hours spent on that time period. Social worker made contact with several individuals. Case management would begin with that one who was willing. For example, made contact with Social worker, set up detox bed with long term, scholarship paying 25,000 to 30,000 a month, then arranged to fly the individual once she was detoxed. The facility met her at the plane, checked her in, the social worker continues to check in on this individuals progress. That was through a program called PARI, Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative, which will hear more about in coming weeks. Currently pilot has ended but as part of 2016 budget approved by Council EPD new unit called Community Outreach and enforcement Team has made a conditional offer to new social worker with another in the back ground process. Chief has also committed to continual training for all officers. EPD only had a social worker for 6 months, so need to have more time before really saying the success. We will continue to track that progress, have found officers state seeing new faces because this is a transitory population. Overall goal fewer new faces. County public safety looking at 2 tenths for public safety on the ballot in August. Everett has greater needs in work being done on the street so chief is looking at what that plan would be if it passes.

C.H.A.R.T. - Hil Kaman

Chronic Utilizer alternative response team. Strong outreach infiltrating the street community. CHART is comprised of 2 teams, Identification Team and the Social Service Team. Identification Team consists of Police, Fire, Providence Emergency Room, Prosecutors office, Snohomish County Human Services and the jail. This team only looks only at the data. Who are frequent flyers who utilize services 6 or more times, using 3 or more services, in a six month period. Then they look at the most challenging of the individuals and add them to CHART. 15 individuals identified so far but they are in the process to id the next 10. The other team is the Social Service Team. This team consists of representatives from the identification team plus social service agencies that operate in Snohomish County. Evergreen Recovery Services, Sunrise Services, Compass Health, Providence Hospital, Public Defenders Office, Catholic Community Services, YWCA, VOA Everett Gospel Mission and DSHS just recently started coming to meetings. They review the new list and ask who has the resources to help from the mental health and housing treatment world to address the underlying needs because these individuals are so expensive and so challenging to the criminal justice and emergency response system. Some of challenges with this demographic are funding issues, HIPPA issues, privacy issues. The team encourages the various services to look at new ways to do assessments or screening to

have new creative ways to address this problem. Teams meet alternating weeks with one week the Identification Team, next week the Services Team. Julie Frauenholtz is key in identifying and tracking the clients and making sure where they are with service agencies. 6 month review of CHART program shows significant decline (80 % to 92% reduction) in criminal justice and emergency response services.

What is the demographic of CHART clients?

These folks are all homeless all have chemical dependency and or mental health issues or most have both. These folks have been to treatment many times. Referred to treatment and never gone. A lot of these folks have brain injuries or lifelong disabilities that are not capable of doing this on their own. They are using the jail or the emergency room to meet basic needs of health care, of shelter, of food. One individual mentally disabled declared by Western State to be not restorable. Not eligible for civil commitment. He is in a gap in the system and has been arrested many times where nothing can be done for him. This has been going on for 10 years now. One individual since 2007 has been arrested 27 times, sentenced over 800 days jails, put on probation, sent to treatment, nothing has changed. Common charges for most on the CHART list are trespass, shoplifting, almost all have felony convictions for drugs, very common to see assault 3 (assault on officer or health care worker) due to being in mental health crisis. This is a huge barrier to housing with a felony conviction historical interaction with criminal justice system creates further barriers to get them in to housing including warrants all over the state. Low barrier housing as a solution is key to CHART success. 20 percent of cases charged in Everett Municipal Court are by defendants age 18 to 24.

Meeting adjourned.