

Draft Planning Document & Agenda

ECHO Law Enforcement Panel Discussion

Proposed date: April 14th , 9:30am-11:30am

Location: Council Hearing Room, 6th Floor of the Public Services Center / Webex

Purpose: The purpose of this law enforcement panel is to help local elected officials better understand law enforcement's perspective on local and regional approaches to engaging with those who are homeless in Clark County.

ECHO's goal is to better understand the overall landscape of how local law enforcement agencies are navigating camping ordinances, community court programs, and other policies and programs related to homelessness to help identify the impacts of policy differences across the county, what is working well, and where improvements can be made.

Format: Moderated panel discussion with the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Police Departments of Battle Ground, Camas, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, the Cowlitz Tribal Police, Jail, and Fire Department representatives.

Invitees: ECHO, city and county administration, state legislators, other local legislators, service providers

Agenda

9:30-9:35: Welcome

9:35-9:55: Introductions & opening thoughts from each panelist

- What does homelessness look like in your community and general thoughts, types of calls
 - Maybe combine some jurisdictions
 - Urban (Vancouver/County)
 - Rural county
 - Camas/Washougal
 - Ridgefield/Battle Ground
 - North County/Cowlitz
 - Fire perspective
 - Jail perspective

9:55-10:50: Panel discussion

- Impact of policies/programs
 - Camping ordinances/approaches
 - Community Court
 - Healthcare systems
 - Housing
 - Other
- Tools at disposal/programs/coordination of systems
- What is working to help people and what is not working
 - Pain points – where can policymakers help support

10:50-11:20: Audience Q/A

11:20-11:30: Final thoughts/Wrap Up