

# C-FACTS

## Clark County Correction Facility Advisory Commission

### September High Points

- Commission agrees replacement jail needed
- Project schedule proposes April 2019 recommendation to County Council
- Subcommittees look at jail capacity and service needs

## COMMISSION AGREES REPLACEMENT JAIL IS NEEDED

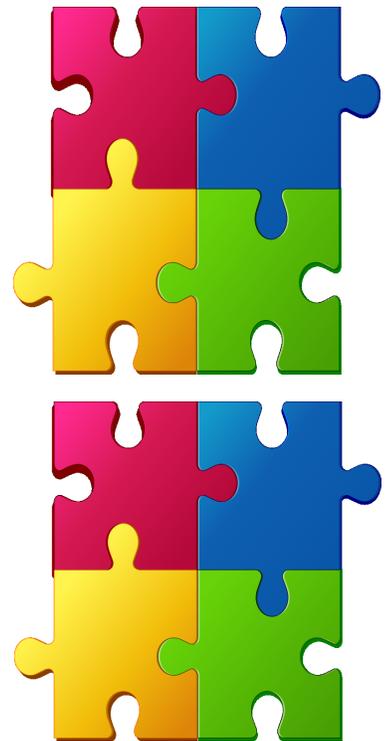
At the September 11, 2018 meeting the Correction Facility Advisory Commission (CFAC) re-affirmed its conclusion a replacement jail is needed in Clark County. Based on their research and tours of both the Clark County and Washington County, Oregon jails, members see a need for an improved facility.

The current facility is inadequate because of its aging condition and technology. The age and condition pose threats to inmate and staff safety. The design and layout make it difficult to

provide access to social and behavioral health services in the jail, and limit the ability to link to community based services. The design limits the community’s ability to support the reform of inmates, encourage re-entry, and reduce recidivism.

The Commission’s next step is to look more closely at the capacity, space needs, design, and location of a replacement jail. All these questions remain unanswered and will be addressed in the coming months.

The Commission will look at these issues as a way to define alternatives. The alternatives will be evaluated using agreed upon criteria. The Commission plans to identify a preferred alternative for recommendation to the Clark County Council by April of 2019.



## CORRECTION FACILITY FACTS JULY 2018

Average daily population (ADP):  
637

Average length of stay:  
18 days

Number of intakes:  
1,102

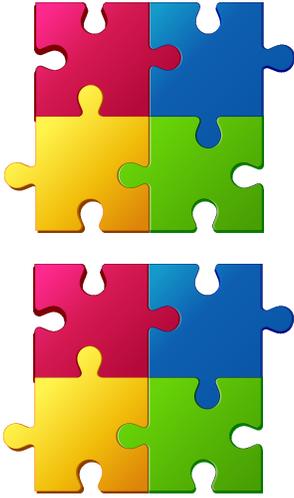
Homeless men:  
138

Homeless women:  
28

Inmates on psychotropic drugs:  
275

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## LEADERSHIP DEFINES COMMISSION MEMBERS

The 24 members of CFAC members exemplify leadership. They contribute time and expertise to help one another and the community at large understand this complex system and prepare for the future.

Members illustrate strategic thinking, technical skills, team and relationship building, and integrity as they tackle the challenging task of preparing a recommenda-

tion to the County Council.

Local police chiefs explain the challenges of officers in the field who arrest and transport offenders. Superior and District Court Judges, the Prosecuting Attorney, and a representative of the defense community present the roles and options in the judicial system.

Local elected officials, city managers and citizen repre-

sentatives contribute perspectives on local policy and budget challenges, and an awareness of how law and justice fits into community priorities.

Social services, medicine, homeless, and disability rights members place a human face on the challenges of offenders before, during, and after their encounter with the correction system.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

## VALUES GUIDE RECOMMENDATION

CFAC defined five categories of values at their May 22, 2018 meeting. These values will direct decisions and recommendations as members reach a consensus on improving the correction facility and providing balanced services to the inmate community.

### **Improved Facility Design should:**

- Identify core needs for the facility;
- Base costs on data;
- Meet user needs, as much as possible
- Consider community-compatible design;
- Offer space and use flexibility for future needs;

- Use successful design features from other jails;
- Be compatible with courts and all related facilities;
- Develop efficient and sustainable operating costs;
- Consider using more than one site;

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*...The Clark County jail is to be located as outlined in RCW 70.48.180 -- ". . . at any place designated by the county legislative authority within the territorial limits of the county."*

*Clark County  
Prosecuting Attorney*

## COMMISSION MISSION

The Commission will advise the County Council and assist their decision making by providing:

### **An assessment of;**

- Need for improved correction facility design, capacity and services; and
- Options for improving correction facility design, capacity and services; and
- Community service level expectations.

**A recommended solution;** for the scope and timing for improved correction facility design, capacity, and service based on assessment results, community service level expectations, and potentially available resources.





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## VALUES-CONTINUED

### **Improved facility design should address:**

Efficiency;  
Technology integration;  
Staff and public safety;  
Health needs of inmates,  
staff and visitors;  
Space and programming  
needs all users ;  
Community Design;  
Location;  
Humane environments.

### **Jail Capacity designs should be:**

Flexible and scalable;  
Consider opportunities for  
alternative sentencing and  
diversion programs;  
Consider opportunities for  
more court space in Clark

County;  
Address the needs for jail  
growth over the next 30-50  
years.

### **Fiscal Stewardship recom- mendations should:**

Be fiscally prudent;  
Seek an outcome/results-  
driven proposal;  
Address sustainable and re-  
silient capital and operating  
costs.

### **Community input :**

CFAC should pursue a recom-  
mendation anticipated to be  
supported by the voters.

### **Services to support the jail – both inside the jail and in the community services should use:**

Best practices from other successful  
programs;  
A trauma-informed approach to help  
inmates who have experienced past  
trauma;.

### **Services inside the jail and in the community should be:**

Right-sized to meet needs, but more  
plentiful than current offerings;  
Integrated with the community;  
Designed to teach, guide and help;  
Compassionate to inmates;  
Proactive;  
Supported with sufficient space and  
amenities.

Inmate discipline programs in the jail  
should be incentive-based.