

Performance Audit Work Program – 2006 and 2007

2006 Completed Projects

- 1 Corrections Overtime – May 2006 report by contractor Bob Thomas focused on whether it is more cost effective to hire more staff or pay overtime to fill posts.
- 2 Superior Court court reporters – report Nov. 2006 by Matt Temmel, Performance Audit Coordinator, brought out high staffing level in Pierce compared with other counties.
- 3 Development Permitting follow-up study – report October 2006 by contractor Paul Zucker focused on staffing issues.
- 4 Puget Sound Regional Support Network, report June 2006 by Dale Jarvis, MCPP Healthcare Consulting, focused on staffing and cost issues compared to other RSNs.
- 5 Mental Health Salary Survey, report August 2006, by JM Consulting. Found high salaries in Pierce compared with other RSNs.
- 6 *OTHER:*
 - a. Rainier Media Center – self-study
 - b. District Court warrants – planning study
 - c. Revised website

2007 Work Program & Status (12/3/2007)

- 1 Superior Court felony case management – Justice Management Institute presented its report in October 2007. Performance Audit Committee requested an action plan from Superior Court. JMI has been re-hired to assist with implementation issues in 2008. The 2008 county budget requested performance data from the court.
- 2 Superior Court court reporters. In May 2007, the court responded to the 2006 audit report. Summary of court's response: the status quo is fine. The 2008 county budget cut court reporters.
- 3 Permitting customer wait times in the Development Center – June report by Paul Zucker. Evening hearing on implementation held on 9/13/2007.
- 4 Effectiveness of Prometa Treatment Protocol in Pierce County Drug Courts – report presented in October and November by Matt Temmel and William Vetter. Report received extensive coverage in the media.
- 5 Needs assessment of indigent veterans – study in progress, to be finished in December and reported on January 17, 2008.
- 6 Youth Violence Prevention – performance audit staff report (April 2007) raised issues about “outcomes” as focus of the program. An *ad hoc* committee (started November 2007) is working on the issues.
- 7 *OTHER*
 - a. Thun Field airport issues – project terminated
 - b. Updated analysis of mental health funding – project terminated
 - c. Updated performance audit ordinance — new ordinance took effect in April 2007
 - d. Coordinated with State Auditor on performance audits of local government (jail overtime, take home vehicles, and public record requests)