

2010 Performance Audit Work Program

The Performance Audit Committee approved the work program at meetings in January and February. The main audit projects for 2010 are listed below.

1. Performance audit "planning assessment," a systematic approach to reviewing Pierce County agencies in order to develop future audit topics. The assessment will be conducted with assistance by a contractor.
2. Criminal justice dashboard report. This work by performance audit staff will result in an automated report of key indicators in the criminal justice agencies (Sheriff, Corrections, Superior Court, District Court, Prosecuting Attorney, and Assigned Counsel).
3. Staffing analysis of call takers and dispatchers at the LESA 911 Communications Center. The audit work will be conducted by a contractor.
4. Update 2003 analysis of public defense "recoupment" that may be ordered by the court at sentencing. This work may be delegated to Superior Court and the Department of Assigned Counsel.
5. Monitor key data – felony case backlog, civil case backlog, jail population, chronic minor offenders, Sheriff performance measures, and possibly judicial bench activity. This is important follow-up work from previous performance audits.
6. Follow-up work on Breaking the Cycle and pet licensing, to review implementation of the 2009 audit recommendations.
7. A Peer Review, to take place in June 2010, will determine whether performance audits in Pierce County are being conducted in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards (the Yellow Book). The reviewers will examine the audit office's quality control system, review a sample of the 12 performance audits conducted since 2007, and review the supporting documentation.

Contact Information

The Performance Audit Committee meets usually once a month. Meetings are televised on channel 22 or 78, depending on your cable provider. A "web stream" is available on the County Council web site.

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