

# Kittitas County Juvenile Probation

## Agenda Staff Report

### **AGENDA DATE:**

10/4/2011

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

BOCC recognize the significant achievement and level of accomplishment by Juvenile Probation Counselor (JPC) Kate Heitman and Field & Custody Counselor (FCC) Jerred Copenhaver as they have been certified with highly competent ratings in the Washington Juvenile Court Administrators' Risk Assessment Tool.

### **BACKGROUND:**

After successfully completing a state mandated academy, practicing the application of the tool, being individually reviewed in practice by our Quality Assurance Specialist, both have been rated as "highly competent". The tool and its application make Washington State's juvenile justice system a blue ribbon model throughout the U.S. The tool continues to be enhanced as it is the basis for the Case Management Assessment Process which is the foundational intervention reflecting success in crime reduction and prison depopulation as we assess Risk/Needs and Protective factors then build individual case plans for juvenile offenders focused on risk assessment determined domains and apply research-based, evidence based proven effective programs. Their achievement is reflective of hard work and complex understanding of criminogenic factors applied for the reduction of crime and enhancement of positive life skills in a system that is working to reduce recidivism and benefit the taxpayers reduced expenditures on criminal response as reflected in the Washington Legislature.

### **INTERACTION:**

JPC Heitman and FCC Copenhaver have met the basic training academy requirements, have practiced the tool under qualified supervision, have proven their skills to a high level of competency to our Quality Assurance Specialist JPC Jaime Morgen, reviewed by our devoted and skilled Juvenile Probation Manager, reflected their performance before the Juvenile Court Judge and recognized for their achievement by this certificate.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Request the BOCC acknowledged the accomplishment of JPC Heitman and FCC Copenhaver by presenting them with the certificate.

### **HANDLING:**

Please provide the certificates to the employees at the appropriate Public Agenda period.

### **LEAD STAFF:**

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