

final minutes

Criminal Justice Policy Commission Meeting

9:00 a.m. • Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Senate Appropriations Room • 3rd Floor State Capitol Building

100 N. Capitol Avenue • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Senator Bruce Caswell, Chair
Stacia Buchanan
Senator Patrick Colbeck
Representative Vanessa Guerra
D. J. Hilson
Kyle Kaminski
Sheryl Kubiak
Barbara Levine
Sarah Lightner (via teleconference)
Laura Moody
Jennifer Strange
Judge Paul Stutesman (via teleconference)
Andrew Verheek
Judge Raymond Voet
Representative Michael Webber

Members Excused:

Senator Bert Johnson
Sheriff Lawrence Stelma

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked the clerk to take the roll. A quorum was present, and absent members were excused.

II. Approval of December 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked members if there are any changes or additions to the proposed December 4, 2016 CJPC meeting minutes. There were none. Senator Colbeck moved, supported by Commissioner Kaminski, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2016 meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Introduction of Jennifer Dettloff, Legislative Council Administrator

The Chair introduced Jennifer Dettloff who was appointed as the Legislative Council Administrator. Council Administrator Dettloff provided information about her new role as it relates to the Commission and offered her assistance whenever she can be of service. Commissioner Kubiak inquired about the vetting process for the RFP for study of county costs to redirect 17-year-olds to juvenile justice system. Ms. Dettloff noted that she would be taking her lead from the Chair and the Commission; however, she along with CJPC Data Administrator Grady Bridges would be guided by the process specified in the RFP.

The Chair then provided an update on his request for a legal opinion regarding obtaining jail data through the State's contract with Appriss. He noted that he is still waiting to hear back from the department.

IV. RFP for Study of County Costs to Redirect 17-Year-Olds to Juvenile Justice System Update

The Chair called on CJPC Data Administrator Grady Bridges for an update on the RFP. He reported that the RFP was posted on the Buy4Michigan website with a February 17 deadline and provided an overview of the changes to the RFP language since the last CJPC meeting. In response to a question from Commissioner Kaminski, Grady explained that questions regarding the RFP submitted by potential bidders need to be submitted in writing. Chair Caswell noted that any questions submitted will be posted on the Commission's webpage. The Commission's response to possible requests for an extension to the deadline was also discussed.

V. Mental Health Subcommittee

1. Mental Health Subcommittee Update

The Chair called on Commissioner Strange for an update. She reported on the efforts the subcommittee has made to develop a potential recommendation regarding local jails and community mental health providers. A discussion followed and the Chair asked the subcommittee to prepare a letter that can be sent to sheriffs to help identify what the problems are at the local level. Commissioner Kaminski commented that MDOC would be interested in receiving that letter as well.

Commissioner Lightner then reported that she will be sharing information she has collected from the local sheriffs she has reached out to and will have it distributed once she has it put together in a more cohesive format. A discussion of mental health services and funding followed. Commissioner Kubiak noted that the Diversion Council has been working on some pilot programs and she will email their final report when it is approved and released to the public. Commissioner Moody will look for an Attorney General's opinion on mental health funding to jails.

VI. Data Subcommittee

1. Data Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Kubiak noted that the subcommittee met with Grady in December and hope to have him start working on the straddle cell study.

2. CJPC Data Requirements Template

The Chair highlighted the questions that scored the most number of "high" ratings from the Commissioner responses submitted since the last meeting. A discussion followed and the following three highest ranking questions dealing with evidence-based practices, services, and programming submitted by Commissioner Verheek will be given to the data subcommittee and Grady to consider.

- What evidence-based practices are currently in use in Michigan?
- What is the capacity of each county to provide evidence-based services?
- What is the capacity of each county to evaluate/audit evidence-based programming to offenders?

Commissioner Kaminski asked if the questions could include asking what counties are doing that are not evidence-based so that everything is captured. Commissioner Levine suggested the questions be framed in a way to ask what programs the counties are using and what evidence is there that they work.

The other questions identified to be worked on were as follows:

- What prison rehabilitation programs are most effective at reducing recidivism?
- What jail rehabilitation programs are most effective at reducing recidivism? [The discussion of these two questions centered on the need to analyze the use of risk assessment tools including a COMPAS risk-need assessment. Looking at studies that have already been conducted and reviewing data on what programs work instead of reinventing the wheel was also suggested.]
- To what extent are prison sentences imposed on people who score in straddle cells? [Comments were made that this question is fairly straight forward and disposition data is available for Grady to work on.]
- Conduct a study of the impact the Supreme Court ruling on People vs. Lockridge has had on sentencing guidelines and prepare an analysis of the length of sentences issued by the courts since the ruling went into effect. What is the upward and downward departures from the recommended range pre-and post-the Michigan Supreme Court decision in Lockridge? [Commissioner Kaminski noted that MDOC is collecting the data for this, but is not analyzing the data. He suggested this is something the Commission may want Grady to analyze. Waiting for the final outcome of the court case before researching the impact of the ruling was also discussed.]

The Chair asked Commissioners to think about whether there are any other items that could be wrapped into the questions that have been identified for the Commission to move forward.

VII. Commissioner Comments

The Chair asked if there were any other comments from the Commissioners. There were none.

VIII. Public Comments

The Chair asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

IX. Next CJPC Meeting Date

The next CJPC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor of the State Capitol Building.**

X. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

(Minutes approved at the February 1, 2017 CJPC meeting.)