

final minutes

Criminal Justice Policy Commission Meeting

9:00 a.m. • Wednesday, May 3, 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
Laura Moody
Sheriff Lawrence Stelma
Jennifer Strange (teleconference)
Judge Paul Stutesman
Andrew Verheek
Judge Raymond Voet

Members Excused:

Senator Bert Johnson
Representative Jim Runestad

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked the clerk to take the roll. A quorum was present, and absent members were excused.

II. Approval of April 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked members if there are any corrections to the proposed April 5, 2017 CJPC meeting minutes. There were none. **Commissioner Lightner moved, supported by Commissioner Hilson, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting as proposed. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

III. Update from Senator Patrick Colbeck

The Chair called on Senator Patrick Colbeck for an update. Senator Colbeck provided information regarding the activities surrounding the veto of Senate Bill 11 and the recent legislative efforts being made to address some of the Governor's concerns. He noted that they are waiting for the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to provide suggested wording for legislation to replace Senate Bill 11 and he will keep the Commission apprised of any developments.

The Chair reiterated the importance that the Commission must be viewed as a nonpartisan entity and encouraged members to stay out of the political process. He asked Commission members to review the letters from Senator John Proos and General Counsel Thomas J. Clements (see attached) and give serious thought about how the Commission's recommendation on data collection can be rewritten to secure the data the Legislature needs to make intelligent and thoughtful decisions. He asked members to be prepared to discuss this at the Commission's June meeting. He also shared that he and the members of the data subcommittee have been invited to attend a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor on May 24 to discuss this issue. Commissioner Kubiak and Senator Colbeck had a difference in opinion about whether Senate Bill 11 coincided with what the data subcommittee proposed and consistent with the Commission's recommendation. Chair Caswell explained that he had sent a letter of support to the Governor because the bill created a centralized data collection system which he knew the Commission felt is very important. Commissioners Kaminski and Levine suggested that the Commission make recommendations but not take a position on any legislation to insulate the Commission from the political process. The Chair stated that their comments have been noted and will be taken into consideration. He acknowledged the concern over the letter of support he sent to the Governor and stated that he will not take similar action in the future.

IV. Letter from Senator Proos

Senator Proos was present and spoke in support of finding a mechanism for collecting criminal justice data so the legislature has the information needed to formulate good public policy. He encouraged the Commission to continue to work and review the issue.

V. Presentation from William Sleight, Director of Michigan Works! Southeast

The Chair welcomed and thanked Mr. William Sleight, Director of Michigan Works! Southeast, for providing information on rehabilitation programs available for individuals released from jail or prison. More details on Mr. Sleight's presentation are attached to these minutes. A period of questions and answers followed. Mr. Sleight will provide the Commission with definitions of the performance measures used in their programs.

VI. Progress Update from Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. on Study of County Costs to Redirect 17-Year-Olds to Juvenile Justice System

Karen Hallenbeck from Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. reported they have made good progress over the last month developing their data collection instruments as well as initiating access to various databases. They have been working closely with the Supreme Court in accessing Judicial Data Warehouse (JDW) data, have initiated a request to access APPRISS data, and are wrapping up the development of their online data collection instrument. She shared that they anticipate the online surveys will begin later in the month with onsite data collection taking place in June. They are also developing the randomized protocols to identify the counties to select for data collection. Commissioner Kubiak inquired about how the process is going with JDW and Ms. Hallenbeck responded that the work with JDW is going very smoothly. Commissioner Kubiak also wondered about the other surveys the Commission is looking to conduct. CJPC Data Administrator Grady Bridges noted that he will try to coordinate the survey efforts to minimize the number of times the recipients are contacted and asked to respond.

VII. Recommendation to the Legislature for Uniform Jail Management System

CJPC Data Administrator Grady Bridges reported that the Commission had settled on two different aspects of a uniform jail management system with the end goal of insuring uniformity and accuracy in data collection. He noted that the two competing recommendations being discussed by the Commission are to (1) require jails report a standardized set of data points using a uniform software system that is implemented when jails move to upgrade or replace their current jail management systems; and (2) require jails report a standardized set of data points using their current jail management system that is interfaced to a centralized data management system. Commissioner Kubiak shared that Sheriff Blaine Koops, the newly appointed CEO/Executive Director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA), just returned from a national meeting and has some information on APPRISS. She thinks it might be helpful to hear from him before a final decision or recommendation on this issue is made. There was no objection to the Chair's plan to continue a discussion of this agenda item at the next meeting.

VIII. Data Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Kubiak reported that the subcommittee met and orientated Grady Bridges on the preliminary work already completed on the straddle cell study, Commissioner Verheek's work with the state data on specific grids, and how the study had been laid out previously. Mr. Bridges then provided an overview of the straddle cell study as he understands it and the questions to be addressed. He noted that the plan is to move forward on accessing MDOC data to begin looking at the initial question of disparity in sentencing among inmates who fall within the straddle cells and to pursue the additional data from other sources necessary to determine general disparities or outcomes in sentencing in terms of recidivism rates. Grady also mentioned that time frame, sample size, and whether the focus is on specific straddle cells on specific grids are elements that need to be considered for the straddle cell study. Commissioner Kubiak offered that the initial frequencies might drive the information needed to make those decisions. A conversation of the challenges of looking at large data pulls versus sampling followed.

Mr. Bridges then reported on the efforts made since the last CJPC meeting to hire a cost-benefit analysis expert to review the methodology and data used in the study of 17-year-olds. He noted that a Request For Quote has been drafted and will be sent to individuals he has identified as potential candidates. He anticipates sending a list of potential candidates to Commission members next week. The selection of a candidate will be added to the next meeting agenda.

IX. Bail Bond Reform Subcommittee Update

The Chair called on Commissioner Levine to introduce Lori Shemka who works for Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack. Commissioner Levine noted that Ms. Shemka has been working closely with the court and SCAO on the issue of cash bail. Commissioner Verheek shared a request he received from Tim Bowhuis of Kent County to

have Ms. Shemka sit on the CJPC Bail Bond Reform Subcommittee. The Chair explained that Ms. Shemka could not be appointed to the subcommittee, but she is welcome to be a source of information to the subcommittee.

Commissioner Hilson announced that he was elected Chair of the Bail Bond Reform Subcommittee and proceeded with an overview of the issues being reviewed by the subcommittee. He reported the subcommittee met last Tuesday to discuss what role it should play in preparing a recommendation for the Commission's consideration and suggested representatives from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) be invited to the next subcommittee meeting to learn more about what the courts are doing on this issue. Commissioner Hilson also noted that there has been some movement on this issue at both the court and legislative levels and it may be best to wait to see how that works out before the Commission moves forward on making a recommendation.

A discussion of the use of risk assessment tools and the collection of data followed. The timing of a Commission recommendation was also discussed. Representative Guerra mentioned that the bail reform issue will be discussed by the Criminal Justice caucus on Tuesday, May 9, at 4:30 in the House Office Building. She will attend the meeting and report back.

Commissioner Verheek moved that the Bail Bond Reform Subcommittee move forward on preparing a recommendation for the Commission's consideration if the legislature does not appropriate funding for the collection of data and, if the appropriation is made, that the Bail Bond Reform Subcommittee not move forward on preparing a recommendation and should continue to observe how the data collection process plays out. A discussion followed, and Commissioners Levine and Kaminski, and Judge Stutesman suggested we wait to take any action until next month. The motion was not supported and the Chair announced that action on this issue would be delayed until the next CJPC meeting.

X. Michigan Mental Health and Justice Center Consortium Partner Request Follow-Up

The Chair reported that a letter accepting the invitation from Dr. Johnson for the Commission to be a Consortium Partner for a cross-disciplinary, academic-practice-community partnered P50 Center application being submitted to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) was sent (see attachment) and that the selection of a Commission representative is needed. **Commissioner Lightner moved, supported by Commissioner Hilson, to have Commissioner Jennifer Strange serve as the CJPC Consortium Representative. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

XI. Mental Health Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Strange provided a brief update and reported that the survey the subcommittee has been working on has been finalized. Mr. Bridges added that they are currently working on the distribution list and, as mentioned earlier in the meeting, he will work with Karen Hallenbeck from Hornby Zeller to coordinate the survey efforts she is making on the study of 17-year-olds.

XII. "Pathway to Prison" Screening Information

The Chair shared an invitation he received for the "Pathway to Prison" screening. See the attached for more details.

XIII. Commissioner Comments

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the Commissioners. Judge Stutesman pointed out that the quality of the teleconference system used for the meeting is poor as it is very difficult to hear. The Chair noted that improvements to the system are being explored.

XIV. Public Comments

The Chair asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.

XV. Next CJPC Meeting Date

The next CJPC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor of the State Capitol Building.**

XVI. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

(These minutes were approved at the June 7, 2017 Criminal Justice Policy Commission meeting.)



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April 25, 2017

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Dear Chairman ~~Caswell~~, ^{BRUCE}

In response to the Michigan Criminal Justice Policy Commissions work and review of criminal justice data collection, Senator Colbeck authored Senate Bill 11 to fill the void of a needed data collection mechanism. SB 11 passed both chambers with overwhelming margins and was vetoed by Governor Snyder.

I wanted to thank the commission for their work on this legislation. Without data the legislature is blindly funding programs that may or may not work. Information is critical to efficiently investing taxpayer dollars for the benefit of public safety.

I wanted to encourage your bipartisan, diverse commission to revisit SB 11 and make further recommendations to the legislature on what we might include in a new bill to fill this glaring void of information.

Thank you for your continued exploration, leadership and guidance on the important topic of criminal justice in the state of Michigan.

Truly,

John Proos
State Senator
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April 28, 2017

The Honorable John Proos
Michigan Senate
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RE: FY 2018 Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Budget Recommendations

Dear Senator Proos:

I am writing to express the Judiciary's concern with the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee's budget recommendation and resultant Senate Appropriations Bill 143 that passed through committee on April 25, 2017. Specifically, the recommendation proposes to defund the Judicial Data Warehouse (JDW) and fails to appropriate money for pretrial release risk assessment tools. Additionally, the proposal comes with collateral consequences that would adversely impact the Michigan Legal Help Program and Videoconferencing equipment maintenance and update project, which accounts for tremendous cost savings to the State. Respectfully, I believe these recommendations undermine your goal of achieving comprehensive and effective criminal justice reform and I would ask you to reconsider.

Over the more than eighteen months that you worked to pass the criminal justice reform package, the Judiciary raised one primary concern; an effective data gathering system to determine efficacy. We were concerned that Senate Bill 11, the Criminal Justice Data Collection and Management Act, could not succeed in its data collection goals because it only sought data from the Judiciary and the Department of Corrections. We did our best to convey this specific concern over many months. In his veto letter, Governor Snyder stated "[i]f we are committed to making the improvements necessary to establish a system that would allow for the collection of complete and accurate criminal justice data, then all relevant players must be at the table and all relevant local data sources must be considered." Senate Bill 11 included only two of many relevant players and the current Senate budget recommendation effectively eliminates one of those two players by defunding the JDW. If this recommendation is acted upon we are concerned that it will significantly undermine the goals your criminal justice package seeks to achieve. And I believe there is a better solution, as expressed to you in my letter of April 3, 2017 (enclosed): to allow SCAO to fulfill its commitment to assist in determining the best data

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collection solution possible. We stand ready to do everything we can to assist you and will work together with the Department of Corrections and also the other relevant players that the Governor referred to. The Judiciary has consistently expressed this commitment to you, Senate Bill 11 sponsor Senator Patrick Colbeck, and Governor Snyder and we intend to remain true to that commitment. The Senate budget recommendations, if enacted, would make that commitment no longer possible.

The second issue I would like to address is the apparent opposition to the development and piloting of a pretrial release risk assessment tool. The goal of the criminal justice reform package is to reduce recidivism through increased emphasis on rehabilitation, reduce jail and prison populations, and remain mindful of public safety. The creation of a pretrial release risk assessment tool would directly assist in accomplishing these objectives. The purpose of the pretrial tool is to identify those individuals who may be either a flight risk or a danger to the community at the time a bond determination is made. Those who meet one of these criterion would be subject to detention, while others would be granted pretrial release. Under the current system, individuals who do not meet the above criterion, but are unable to pay even a minimal bond, may be detained pre-trial. This nonevidenced-based system means that communities do not have a system that results in public safety driving detention; violent offenders who have been convicted are often released early because jails are detaining nonviolent offenders who simply cannot make bond. This assessment tool would eliminate financial ability-to-pay issues and rely on evidence based factors in making a bond decision. As a result, jail populations would be reduced in safe ways and more room made available for violent offenders currently under sentence.

I would respectfully ask that you reconsider your position on these budget recommendations. As has been consistently expressed to you and your office, we are eager to be a committed partner in the criminal justice reform efforts that you have made. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues at any time convenient to your schedule.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Clement

Enclosure

cc: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker
Senator Coleman Young II
Representative Robert VerHeulen
Representative Tommy Brann
Representative Aaron Miller
Representative Kristy Pagan

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Dear Senator Proos:

Congratulations on the recent enactment of the criminal justice package. Your commitment to criminal justice reform is highly regarded throughout the state and the effort and hard work put forth by you and your staff are clear.

As you know, the State Court Administrative Office was opposed to Senate Bill 11, the data collection portion of the package, for a number of reasons. Ultimately, Senate Bill 11 was vetoed by the Governor who expressed concerns similar to SCAO's in his veto letter. Most significantly, we agree with the Governor's belief that in order to properly measure efficacy, data collection must come from complete and accurate data sources.

In order to achieve data collection goals, I am writing to again express SCAO's willingness to assist in gathering the best data possible. Towards that end, we would welcome an opportunity to meet with all appropriate parties, including the Department of Corrections, State Police, and Sheriffs to more clearly determine what data is available and how it is best collected and reported. SCAO would also welcome the opportunity to serve on the Criminal Justice Policy Commission should a spot become available.

If you care to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your office on this and other important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas P. Clement".

Thomas P. Clement

Michigan Works! Services for Offenders

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY COMMISSION
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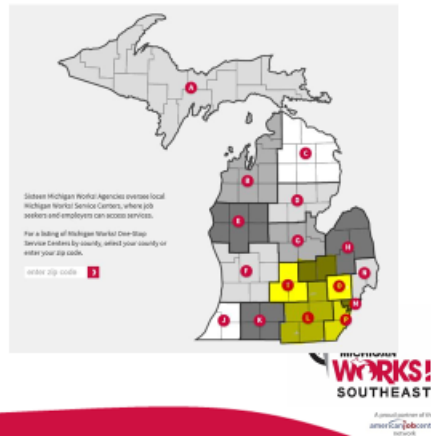
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Michigan's Workforce System

- 16 Michigan Works! Regions, each governed by a private-sector led board
- Michigan Works! agencies contract directly with MDOC to administer the Offender Success program in most of the state. However, most parolees live in areas where other organizations administer the program (yellow highlights)
- Even where they do not administer the Offender Success program they are connected to the program, and all Michigan Works! agencies offer specialized services to offenders.



Michigan's Demand-Driven Talent System

- Employers are our primary customer
- Training and services designed with employer input to meet needs of the business
- Training solutions based on documented, current and specific knowledge of customer needs
- Responses to employers are swift and creative
- Michigan Works! agencies statewide deliver the same basic services to employers and job seekers, but these services are customized to meet local needs



Demand-Driven Services

Talent Acquisition

- Recruitment
- Screening
- Assessment

Talent Development

- Pre-hire training
- Incumbent worker training
- On-the-job training
- Apprenticeships
- Internships and work-based learning

Layoff Aversion Services

Referral Service



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The Michigan Works! System Provides for Three Levels of Services to All Job Seekers, including offenders

Self-service

- Basic labor exchange, information, initial assessment and follow-up

Staff assisted

- Services to help job seekers develop an individual employment plan which identifies their strengths and helps them overcome any obstacles to success. Includes workshops and individual coaching from a career advisor

Demand-Driven Training services

- Services to equip individuals with skills to obtain or retain employment
- High School Equivalency classes
- Post high school classroom training leading to a credential or career
- Work based learning opportunities such as apprenticeships, internships and on-the-job training



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About Michigan Works! Southeast

- Formed in Oct. 2015 under the Urban Cooperation Act by the Boards of Commissioners of Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties.
- Consolidated 3 former Michigan Works! Agencies
 - Livingston County Michigan Works!
 - South Central Michigan Works!
 - Washtenaw County Michigan Works!
- One-stop centers in each of the five counties
 - For 2017 we project over 70,000 visits to our service centers, and about 35,000 unique visitors
 - We currently have about 2,000 active participants in training programs and services.
- Other data
 - Labor Force: 438,000
 - Population: 856,000
 - Unemployment Rate: 3.6%
 - About 35% of all families in the region are either below the poverty level or struggling to make ends meet.



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Michigan Works! Southeast Mission and Vision

Mission:

Our mission is to develop today's workforce and tomorrow's economy by engaging employers, jobseekers, and partners.

Vision:

Our vision is a community which fosters and sustains a strong, diverse economy where people can live, work, and prosper.



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Michigan Works! Southeast Services to Offenders

Services to offenders are tailored to the needs of our communities but here are some highlights:

- All five MWSE Centers have relationships with their local probation and parole offices and routinely accept referrals.
- MWSE staff attend the regional Offender Success Steering Committee.
- We contract with Washtenaw County to provide a Job Readiness workshop at the Washtenaw County Jail.
- Michigan Works! offers an Orientation at the Livingston County Jail
- We are initiating relationships with drug courts in Lenawee and Livingston County.
- We provide adult education programs to offenders in Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee counties, and refer offenders to similar programs in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties.



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- We provide information about the federal fidelity bonding program and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program to employers and offenders.
- We educate employers on the benefits of hiring offenders.
- We work with the juvenile courts and juvenile detention Centers
- We contract with Key Development in Hillsdale County, Work Skills Academy in Washtenaw County and Legacy High School in Livingston County to provide high school completion and workforce readiness services to at-risk youth. All programs serve a significant number of referrals from the juvenile justice system.
- We are initiating a "Jobs for Michigan Graduates" program targeted to 18-24 year-old high school dropouts. We expect youth offenders to be at least a third of our projected 75 enrollees.
- We currently have more than 120 offenders enrolled in various training programs. We help hundreds more through our workshops, career services, adult education programs and community partnerships.



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Examples from across the state

- **Northwest Michigan Works**
 - Served 242 parolees in the offender success program.
 - Provide residential stability, social support, health and behavioral health services and employment readiness services
 - 81% employment rate compared to 25% statewide for all former inmates
 - 11% recidivism rate compared to 29.8% statewide.
- **Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation – (City of Detroit Michigan Works)**
 - Operates a one-stop center in a prison
- **Macomb/St Clair Michigan Works**
 - Parole Office is located in the Michigan Works! Service Center, which increases collaboration
 - Developing a “boot camp” for offenders to improve job search skills
 - Business Services Team identifies employers willing to hire felons
 - Residential stability is a priority – 100% of referrals placed in housing
- **Genesee, Shiawassee, Thumb Michigan Works!**
 - Used a federal grant to hire and train unemployed residents, including many ex-offenders, to help with the water crisis in Flint



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Dear Dr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Criminal Justice Policy Commission, I am pleased to write this letter indicating our willingness to serve as a Consortium Partner for your proposed project, "Accelerating the reach and impact of mental health services for justice-involved individuals: The Michigan Mental Health and Justice Center" that will be submitted to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). We welcome the Center's plans to bring academic, practice, policy, and community partners together to foster cross-disciplinary research addressing systemic barriers to optimal mental healthcare and service linkage for justice-involved individuals with mental illness, especially those with serious mental illness and those at risk for suicide.

We are thrilled that through this Center and collaboration, we will have the opportunity to have regular conversations with a wide range of academic, justice, mental health, and community partners about potential systems-level solutions to addressing mental health issues among justice-involved individuals. We look forward to the synergy of ideas and approaches to these problems that the Center will provide. We also look forward to providing input into Center directions and relevant research questions, and potentially to partnering with investigators and students to answer questions of interest to us. We appreciate the opportunity for our staff to be able to attend free workshops and trainings related to addressing mental health issues in the justice system. We will be happy to have a member of our organization attend quarterly Consortium meetings by videoconference. We understand that part of the role of the Consortium Partners is to provide input into plans for the Center direction and evaluation, to bring relevant practice and policy questions to Center Investigators, to partner with Investigators in answering those questions as desired, and to provide feedback on the relevance, implications, and dissemination of Center findings.

Finding new ways to optimize mental healthcare services and service linkage for justice-involved individuals is a significant and challenging task. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

*Bruce E. Caswell*_{sac}

Bruce E. Caswell
Chair
Criminal Justice Policy Commission

**Michigan Mental Health and Justice Center
Initial Consortium Partner Survey**

(please complete and return to Jennifer.Johnson@hc.msu.edu)

Background. The Center will begin with 3 initial research projects, but will be funding new, additional research projects each year, so having your input into ongoing and potential new research projects that would be useful to your organization would be helpful. To give you some sense of where we are starting, the first three projects are:

Project 1: "Using data linkage to improve continuity of care for individuals with mental illness in jails and courts" (Kubiak, PI)

Project 2: "Communication strategies to promote public and financial support for mental health evidence-based practices in a public safety context."
(Johnson, PI)

Project 3 is entitled: "Suicide prevention and mental health service linkage needs of justice-involved Black men." (Neighbors, PI)

1. Your name: Senator Bruce E. Caswell, Chair
2. Your organization: Criminal Justice Policy Commission
3. Date completed: April 26, 2017
4. What are the top 2-3 problems regarding mental healthcare for justice-involved individuals that you would like solutions to?
 1. Mental healthcare in jails.
 2. Help on release from jails.
 3. Appropriate placement of mentally ill people in jail or treatment centers.
5. What are your organization's main goals related to improving mental healthcare for justice-involved individuals?
 1. Help on release to prevent recidivism.
 2. Divert from jail, if possible.
6. How could a group of mental healthcare and justice researchers, experts, other Consortium Partners, and stakeholders best help you reach these goals?

Support centralized data collection of criminal justice groups (courts, prisons, jails, LEIN system, probation, and parole).



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Dear Chair Caswell and Criminal Justice Policy Commission Members:

We would like to invite you to be a Consortium Partner for an application for a cross-disciplinary, academic-practice-community partnered P50 Center application being submitted to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) this May. The application's title will be: "Accelerating the reach and impact of mental health services for justice-involved individuals: The Michigan Mental Health and Justice Center." The goal of the Center is to bring together academic and community partners to accelerate the pace of cross-disciplinary research to solve systemic barriers to optimal mental healthcare and service linkage for justice-involved individuals with mental illness, especially those with serious mental illness and those at risk for suicide. We would love to have your organization as a Consortium Partner because of your practice and policy work and experience in this area.

As a Consortium Partner, we would ask you to:

- Have a member of your organization attend quarterly Consortium meetings by videoconference and/or telephone
- Provide input into and help shape Center direction and plans for evaluation and dissemination
- Bring practice and policy questions related to better mental healthcare and service linkage for justice-involved individuals to Center Investigators
- Provide feedback on the relevance, implications, and strategies for real-world roll-out of Center findings

We would also invite you to:

- If desired, participate in discussions with Center Investigators about how your practice and policy questions could best be answered
- If desired and appropriate, partner with Center Investigators in research answering your practice and policy questions

Potential benefits of Consortium Partnership include:

- Having regular conversations with a wide range of academic, justice agency, mental health agency, and community partners (including local, state, and national partners) about potential systems-level solutions to addressing mental illness among justice involved individuals
- Synergies of ideas and approaches across systems
- Access to cutting-edge research and national experts
- Opportunities to get matched with researchers to get your questions answered either

- directly or through working together on projects of mutual interest to find out the answer
- Possible opportunities to get matched with students/trainees who can provide support on smaller evaluation projects
- Invitations for you and your staff to attend monthly lectures, trainings, and workshops either in person or by video conference, as well as regular notification of other relevant trainings and workshops held by our other Consortium Partners
- Having your events, trainings, and workshops listed on our Center website and email list
- Getting officially listed and recognized as a Consortium Partner on this NIMH-funded project
- The opportunity to help shape the direction of a nationally-recognized, systems-focused research effort
- In summary, networking and new partnership opportunities.

The application for the Center Grant will be submitted on May 17, 2017. It has about a 25% chance of getting funded. If funded, the project will likely start March 1, 2018. We should know more about whether or not it is getting funded in November of 2018.

If you are willing to be a Consortium Partner, please personalize/sign a letter of support (see draft on the next page) and send it to: Jennifer.Johnson@hc.msu.edu (address above) by May 1, 2017 (sooner if possible). Also, if you are willing to take a moment to fill out our initial survey, it would be much appreciated, though this is not required.

Thank you very much!



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From: "Fischhoff, Martin" <mfischhoff@dptv.org>
To: "bcaswell@frontier.com" <bcaswell@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:51 PM
Subject: FW: You're Invited - 'Pathways to Prison' Screening

Hello Sen. Caswell,

Detroit Public Television and WKAR would like to invite you and the other members of the Criminal Justice Policy Commission to attend a special screening of the documentary, Pathways to Prison, an examination of the social and economic factors that have led to record levels of incarceration in our state and of suggested reforms to the system that would address these issues.

Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion and a question-and-answered session, moderated by Nolan Finley of Detroit Public Television and The Detroit News.

The screening will take place on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. on the campus of Michigan State University.

The invitation below will provide additional information.

However, please do not hesitate to contact me should have you have any questions.

Thank you very much. I hope to see you there.

Marty



**Detroit Public Television and WKAR Public Media from Michigan State University
Invite you to a special screening of "Pathways to Prison"
May 3rd, 2017 at 6:30pm ET**

On Wednesday, May 3rd, from 6:30-8pm at the **WKAR Media Auditorium at Michigan State University**, please join Detroit Public Television and WKAR in a screening and discussion of [*Pathways to Prison*](#), a documentary examining the criminal justice system in Michigan.



Why are record numbers of state residents in prison? What's the cost? And what's being done about it?

Special guest **Sen. John Proos**, R-St. Joseph, who serves as chair of the Senate Appropriations Judiciary and Corrections Subcommittees will be giving opening remarks.

Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion and question-and-answer session moderated by **Nolan Finley** of Detroit Public Television and The Detroit News.

Free parking is available. Light refreshments will be served.



For questions or more information, please contact Marty Fischhoff at mfischhoff@dptv.org or 313-715-3329.

