

Public Safety Improvement Act (PSIA)

Oversight Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 • 1:00pm CST
Capitol Building, LRC Room 414
Pierre, SD

Appointees:

-Chief Justice Appointments: Attorney Bruce Hubbard, Greg Sattizahn (SCAO), Judge Jeff Davis and Judge Patricia Riepel

-Legislative Appointments: Senator Troy Heinert, Representative Steven Haugaard, Representative Karen Soli, Senator Jordan Youngberg

-Governor Appointments: Laurie Feiler (DOC/Chair), Mark Smith (Board of Pardons and Paroles), Amy Iversen-Pollreisz (DSS), Patrick Weber (Governor's Office)

-Attorney General Appointment: Aaron McGowan (Minnehaha County State's Attorney)

-Council Staff: Troy Schmid (SCAO)

Attendance:

Absent

-Judge Jeff Davis

-Judge Patricia Riepel

-Senator Jordan Youngberg

-Senator Troy Heinert

Via Phone

-Representative Karen Soli

Meeting Start

Call Meeting to Order

- Laurie Feiler called the meeting to order.

Interstate Drug Trafficking Task Force Report – Bryan Gortmaker

- Bryan Gortmaker, Director of the Division of Criminal Investigation, presented several handouts and gave an explanation about the status of drug trends across the state.

Key Takeaways

- State funding helps combat multiple drugs and not just methamphetamine.
- There is a 30-60 day statistical lag on data due to tracking methodology.

- UA arrests are not counted in the meth handout. It is distribution and possession but not ingestion related.
- Meth lab incidents are down from 9 in 2016 to 6 in 2017 (through September).
- Over \$1 million in fentanyl pills found and fentanyl has been found in other drugs. It poses a more significant threat to east coast states.

SAVIN Update - Michelle Bland

- Michelle Bland from the Attorney General’s office provided an update about the SAVIN system.
- First year of victim contact verification is complete.

Implementation Updates

DOC Update - Laurie Feiler

- Deputy Secretary Feiler reviewed reporting metrics from the Department of Corrections.

Key Takeaways

- Overall prison population continues to rise.
- Female prison population contains mostly those doing time for drug offenses while 47% of the male population is doing time for violent offenses.
- Actions such as policy revisions and new program development are being made to counteract overpopulation.

Kim Edson briefed drug testing and compliant discharge

- On average each month, 143 drug tests resulted in positives with 99% of those resulting in incarceration.
- Between July 2017 and September 2017, there were 109 compliant discharges.

Kevin McLain reviewed the ICIP

- Intermediate Correctional Intervention Program(ICIP) was created to target prison-bound Pennington County adult females with the following goals in mind:
 - Reduce corrections costs by reducing unnecessary prison confinement.
 - Expand and promote collaboration among those working in the criminal justice system to support justice reinvestment.
 - Use evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism and prevent reincarceration.
- This is funded by a Federal grant available to states involved with Justice Reinvestment.

UJS Update - Greg Sattizahn

- Greg Sattizahn from the Unified Judicial System provided an overview of the status of his branch’s PSIA activity.

Key Takeaways

- Deferred Imposition – Strict compliance results in some felony drug possession/ingestion offenses being reduced from felonies to misdemeanors.
- Mandatory jail sanctions for positive controlled substance UAs on probation began in February.
- Jail day usage through probation sanctions is expected to rise.

DSS Update - Amy Iversen-Pollreis

- Deputy Secretary Amy Iversen-Pollreis from the Department of Social Services provided an overview of the dashboard data available from DSS as well as a short summary on the latest service statistics.

Annual Report Review

Key Takeaways

- There has been \$52 million in avoided costs to taxpayers since FY14.
- New DOC commitments are mostly for non-violent offenders.
- More than half of the probation population is classified as low risk or administrative risk.
- Presumptive probation deviation is occurring at the rate projected.
- HOPE probation participation has risen from 99 to 165 individuals in FY17.
- Bruce Hubbard suggested including the meth task force statistics in the PSIA annual report.

Discussion

-The oversight council discussed the successes and challenges of the PSIA.

Public Input

-There was no public input offered from those in attendance.

Next Steps

The next meeting date will be polled and determined according to council member availability.

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