

**Public Safety Improvement Act (PSIA)
Oversight Council Meeting**

Monday, December 16, 2013 • 1:30 pm CT
Legislative Conference Room 414 • Capitol Building
Pierre, SD

Attendance:

Chief Justice Appointments: Judge Jeff Davis, Judge Patricia Riepel, Attorney Bruce Hubbard, Greg Sattizahn (State Court Administrator's Office)

Legislative Appointments: Senator Larry Lucas, Senator Craig Tieszen, Representative Jacqueline Sly, Representative Karen Soli

Governor Appointments: Jim Seward (Chair), Mark Smith (Board of Pardons and Paroles), Secretary Denny Kaemingk (Department Of Corrections) (teleconference), Amy Iversen-Pollreisz (Department of Social Services)

Attorney General Appointment: Aaron McGowan (Minnehaha County States Attorney)

Council Staff: Troy Schmid (SCAO)

Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Council Chair Jim Seward called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Overview and Meeting Minute Acceptance – (Jim Seward)

Jim Seward gave an overview of the agenda. Mr. Seward also called to have the meeting minutes from September 5th accepted. The acceptance was unanimous. Roll was taken and it was noted that Senator Lucas and Tieszen were at an Executive Board meeting of the legislature and would be in shortly. Those two arrived within a few minutes. All other members of the Council were in attendance.

Website Overview – (Patrick Weber)

Patrick Weber gave an overview of the new PSIA website (PSIA.sd.gov). He reviewed the links and the documentation that can be found on the website. This is where all reports and data will be stored for upcoming meetings for the convenience of members and the public/press.

Phase II Justice Reinvestment Application – (Rebecca Silber, Vera Institute of Justice)

Rebecca Silber gave a brief introduction of her personal/professional history and her experience in the field. Her team is working in conjunction with the Bureau of Justice Assistance. They have done similar work in several other states.

- They have been working with all three entities on performance/system measures.
- Department of Justice provides money to Vera in order for them to help seed projects.

- When inquired about the frequency of future visits, Rebecca stated that, at this time, additional visits are planned up until the funding ends in August 2015.
- Vera is assisting in the creation of a central repository for all of SD's system and performance measures.
- It was noted that bja.gov's website provides a good overview of justice reinvestment.

Implementation Status Reports

Attorney General's Office PSIA Status Update – (Jamie Freestone)

Jamie Freestone outlined the recent updates and current status of the AG's implementation of the PSIA.

- Working with Indiana DOC to help finalize SAVIN contract
- Statewide Victim Notification System (SAVIN) Exchange Hub is being developed to help provide victim notifications
- Currently working to transfer UJS Odyssey production data into the SAVIN system.
 - Also working with DOC but was put on hold during work with UJS
- Developing additional methods for providing victim notification.
- Status report using Advisory Commission to take place in January 2014.

Department of Corrections' PSIA Status Update – (Secretary Denny Kaemingk and Laurie Feiler)

Secretary Denny Kaemingk outlined the recent updates and current status of the DOC's implementation of the PSIA. Laurie Feiler followed up with additional information.

- Secretary Kaemingk provided an overview of the tribal pilot project.
- 144/216 active absconders were Native Americans according to the mentioned report. The tribal pilot will hopefully help alleviate some of these cases.
- 2 of the state reservations have not accepted the invitation to participate in the tribal pilot program.
- There are 4 core sections involved with the tribal pilot that Secretary Kaemingk explained.
- Senator Lucas inquired about chemical dependency programs and was told that options are available in the tribal pilots for these programs.
- Representative Soli inquired about future tribal pilots
 - Secretary Kaemingk responded that the DOC would like to see the statistics from Sisseton-Wahpeton before expanding the program.
- DOC risk-needs assessments are to be validated and analyzed in the near future.
- Below are some date estimations for upcoming processes:
 - Effective Practices In Community Supervision (EPICS) System – Feb 2015
 - Community Transition Program (CTP) Pilot – Feb 2014
 - Parole Training – Spring 2014
- EDC has about 4 months of data showing a reduction on average of about 5 parolees per officer.
- Many other statistics are available in the Implementation Status sheets.

Unified Judicial System's PSIA Status Update – (Greg Sattizahn)

Greg Sattizahn outlined the recent updates and current status of the UJS's implementation of the PSIA.

- According to other states, South Dakota has become a good example and leader in the area of justice reinvestment.
- Mr. Sattizahn informed the Council that the Supreme Court adopted rules implementing the provisions of the PSIA in November 2013.
- Those rules included the criteria for awarding earned discharge credit.
 - Discharge criteria was simplified and explained by Mr. Sattizahn. Additional information on handout.

- The financial accountability component of the PSIA has a workgroup being created to establish the process and will include representation from the DOC.
 - The workgroup will look to the examples of other state's successes/failures.
- The Sanctions and Incentives grid was adopted by the Supreme Court and provides a menu of appropriate available actions for Court Service Officers (CSOs) in response to a violation of the terms of probation.
 - 48 hour jail stay and revocation are the maximum sanctions.
 - The response grid was given to the council in a handout.

Department of Social Services' PSIA Status Update – (Amy Iversen-Pollreisz)

Amy Iversen-Pollreisz outlined the recent updates and current status of DSS's implementation of the PSIA.

- DSS was unable to select providers based on the Request for Proposals (RFP) responses for the rural pilot; therefore, a workgroup is being convened to discuss expectations of the rural pilot, and the RFP will be reissued.
- 13 providers were selected based on RFP responses for the expansion of substance abuse services for the estimated additional 500 probationers/parolees. There will be at least one provider in each circuit court district.
- 3 providers were selected based on RFP responses for the criminal thinking programming. Each provider will cover multiple circuit court districts.
- Providers were trained in the evidence-based curriculums that will be utilized.
- DSS staff worked with UJS and DOC on the referral process for substance abuse and criminal thinking services, and in November UJS and DOC were notified of provider readiness to accept referrals.

Performance and System Measures – (Patrick Weber)

After the break, Patrick Weber summarized the Performance Measures document. This information is available on the website along with all of the other documentation from the meeting. The summary included explanations on the possible uses and benefits of tracking these measures.

Stakeholder Outreach and Council - (Jim Seward)

Jim Seward began a discussion regarding ways to reach out to criminal justice system stake holders.

- There was discussion about getting different groups together to give outside opinions that may differ from the current council in order to expand the knowledge base.
- Judge Davis suggested having council meetings in various locations across the state in order to help give citizens easier access to council meetings. This would help expand our knowledge base and encourage citizens to attend.

Questions and Comments

- There were no questions or comments at this time.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting date will be determined. Sometime in April 2014 was proposed for the next meeting, with another meeting in September. Further information will be provided when a date is determined.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.