

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

Monday, November 3rd, 2014 • 1:15pm CST
State Capitol Building • Room 414
Pierre, SD

Attendance:

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

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

Governor Appointments: Jim Seward (Chairman), Mark Smith (Board of Pardons and Paroles), Laurie Feiler (DOC), Amy Iversen-Pollreisz (DSS)

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

Council Staff: Troy Schmid (SCAO)

Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Council Chairman Jim Seward called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Presentation of Current PSIA Annual Report Version – (Patrick Weber)

Patrick Weber presented data from the PSIA Annual Report including the following:

- The prison population as of 6/30/14 had decreased and the decrease slightly outpaced Pew's projection for the end of FY 2014.
- Parole violators, as a percentage of prison population, have decreased in the last two years.
- Earned Discharge Credit (EDC) for parole and probation have allowed hundreds of parolees and probationers to be discharged early from their parole and probation terms for compliance and have reduced caseloads of parole agents and court services officers.
- UJS met its FY 2014 goal of revoking less than 5% of probationers to prison or jail.
- Sixty-five percent of Class 5 & Class 6 felony dispositions resulted in probation.
- CBISA and MRT referrals have increased rapidly since the services first became available.
- DUI court and Drug court client admissions have tripled in recent years.
 - Participants have also graduated at a higher rate than have failed.
 - Capacity has increased from 120 to 180 to 200+ participants.
- Additional information will be included in the Annual Report that will be released soon.

Implementation Status Reports

Department of Corrections PSIA Status Updates – (Laurie Feiler)

Laurie Feiler provided a brief overview of the status of DOC's PSIA implementation covering the following points. (More of this information is provided in the Implementation Status Document):

- Tribal Pilot supervising 29 parolees in the Sisseton Wahpeton/Roberts County area
 - Tribal Pilot has around \$250,000 worth of funding that should last approximately 2 years
- 100% of parole staff has been trained in Evidence Based Practices (EBP).
- EPICS and "Train the Trainer" training is ongoing and approximately 50% have been trained so far.
- CTP Alternate Housing project managed by St. Francis House and will be able to support around 130 participants when operational. It currently has 16 people.
- First Reinvestment Act Fund checks issued in October totaling approximately \$314,000.

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

Greg Sattizahn outlined the recent updates and status of the UJS's implementation of the PSIA. (More of this information is provided in the Implementation Status Document).

- Financial Accountability System (FACS) workgroup initially established that more resources should be used on higher risk probationers.
 - Foundation of the program is the highest priority at this time.
- There is a new veterans court in Codington County.
- Specific month-by-month EDC numbers are included in the Implementation Status document.
- Walworth County's HOPE pilot has about 12 participants.
 - Second urban HOPE pilot is starting in Brown County under the supervision of Judge Myren.
- Staff trainers will soon train the rest of the Trial Court Services staff on EPICS.

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

Amy Iversen-Pollreisz outlined the recent updates and status of DSS's implementation of the PSIA. (More of this information is contained in the status implementation document).

- As of 9/30/14, 298 clients were receiving substance abuse treatment services (Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse).
 - 43 clients completed services
- As of 9/30/14, 174 clients were receiving criminal thinking services (Moral Reconciliation Therapy).
 - 7 clients completed services
- Rural pilot – Lutheran Social Services and Volunteers of America were awarded contracts through the Request for Proposals process.
 - Substance abuse treatment services (CBISA) will be provided via telehealth computer video conferencing

SAVIN PSIA Status Update – (Jim Seward)

Jim Seward outlined the recent updates and status of the Attorney General's implementation of the SAVIN system. (More of this information is contained in the status implementation document).

- The first stages of testing have commenced.

- The program will include both counties with jails and those without.
- The UJS interface system is still in production.
- A text messaging notification system is currently in progress.
- The project is currently on budget and on time.

Stakeholder Impact Update - (Sheriff Kevin Thom)

Sheriff Thom spoke about the impact of the PSIA programs as well as an update from the recent Stakeholder Meeting.

- There were concerns raised during the meeting concerning all of the circuits and the different processes they each use.
- They had their kickoff meeting the morning of the PSIA Oversight Council meeting.
- The PSIA Oversight Council will potentially have a few people in attendance for the next Stakeholder Meeting in order to provide more information.
- The Stakeholder Council will focus more on the “grass roots” level of the PSIA.

Discussion on the legislative recommendations

- FACS—A clarification that FACS is intended for court-wide usage, not just probation.
- Aggravated DUI – Clarification for 6th offense DUI and the look-back period. It’s necessary to have two convictions in the last 5 years as opposed to 10 years.
- Drug Courts – There is a proposal concerning the imposition of jail sanctions.

Questions and Comments

- Noted that the goal is to get the Annual Report out by the end of the coming week for council approval with a press release for the week following.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting date will be determined at a future time. The estimated meeting time is during Spring 2015.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.