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KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman
Attorney General Paul Morrison, Vice Chairman
Helen Pedigo, Executive Director

Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting November 15, 2007

The Attorney General, Paul Morrison, Vice Chairman, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on November 15, 2007, at 1:35 p.m., once a quorum had been met. The meeting was held in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower Building, Topeka, Kansas.

Participants:

Members:

Attorney General Paul Morrison, Vice Chairman
Honorable Christel Marquardt
Senator John Vratil
Representative Janice Pauls
Representative Kevin Yoder
Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
Thomas Drees, Ellis County Attorney
Captain Dale Finger, Public Member
Rick Kittel, Board of Indigents' Defense Service

Staff:

Helen Pedigo, Executive Director
Natalie Gibson, Staff Attorney
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
Lora Moison, Research Analyst
Jessica Brunton, Research Analyst
Brenda Harmon, Public Service Administrator
Janice Brasher, Fiscal Director
Marty Schmiedeler, Accountant
Jennifer Dalton, Accountant
Amanda Nations, Program Consultant

Guests:

Russ Jennings, Commissioner of Juvenile Justice

Approval of the Minutes

The Vice Chairman referred to the minutes of the October 25, 2007 Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting and November 6, 2007 Conference Call. A motion was made by Ms. Chris Mechler and seconded by Captain Dale Finger to approve minutes of both. The motion carried.

Approval of JJA Projections

Ms. Helen Pedigo presented JJA Projections at the November 6, 2007 Conference Call. A handout was provided. Commissioner Russ Jennings attended the meeting and answered questions regarding JJA. A motion was made by Secretary Werholtz and seconded by Mr. Drees to approve the JJA Projections. The motion carried.

Proposed 2008 Meeting Dates

A handout of proposed 2008 meeting dates was provided. Without objection, the meeting dates were adopted by consensus.

LSI-R-Recommend Continued Work by Subcommittee

Ms. Pedigo recommended reconvening a subcommittee to address issues surrounding implementation of the LSI-R. A handout was provided. Vice Chairman Morrison asked for volunteers and appointed the following members to the subcommittee: Ms. Patti Biggs, Chairperson, Judge Johnson, Attorney General Morrison, Representative Janice Pauls, Representative Kevin Yoder, Secretary Werholtz, Ms. Annie Grevas, Ms. Chris Mechler, and Ms. Pedigo.

Proportionality Subcommittee

Mr. Drees provided an overview of the Proportionality Subcommittee. Minutes from the last two meetings were provided. At the December 3 meeting they will review bed impacts relating to policy decisions thus far. The subcommittee hopes to bring proposals to the full Commission at the December 20 meeting.

KSC Agency Report

Ms. Pedigo provided and discussed an agency report, which outlined this month's major staff accomplishments. Items discussed included:

- Natalie Gibson, Staff Attorney, resigned to take a job with the Judicial Council.
- Statistics: Journal Entry data entry and SB 123 invoices processed.
- Letters were sent to Treatment Providers regarding the Monthly Insurance Report Form and SASSI and ASI Certification.
- Don Stemen and Andres Rengifo plan to be at the December meeting to present a revised draft of the 2003 SB123 36-month evaluation report.
- Presented JJA Projections to the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight on November 7.

Next Meeting

The next Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.