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KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman
Helen Pedigo, Executive Director

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting Conference Call August 26, 2008

The Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on August 26, 2008, at 1:40 p.m. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the KSC Office, Jayhawk Tower Building, Topeka, Kansas.

Participants:

Members:

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman
Representative Janice Pauls
Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections
Patricia Biggs, Kansas Parole Board
Annie Grevas, Director of Community Corrections, 28th Judicial District
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
Thomas Drees, Ellis County Attorney
Captain Dale Finger, Public Member
Daniel Monnat, Private Defense Council

Staff:

Helen Pedigo, Executive Director
Ed Britton, Staff Attorney
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
Janice Brasher, Fiscal Director
Marty Schmiedeler, Accountant
Jennifer Dalton, Accountant
Brenda Harmon, Public Service Administrator
Lora Moison, Research Analyst
Trish Beck, Program Assistant

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Johnson referred to the minutes of the July 24, 2008, Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Mr. Thomas Drees and seconded by Ms. Chris Mechler. The motion carried.

Adult Prison Population Projections

Ms. Helen Pedigo presented an overview of the FY 2009 KSC Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections. A handout was provided. The 2008 admission rate of 4,721 and the 2008 release rate of 4,953 will be added to the Admissions and Releases slide. The total projection increase is 839 from June 30, 2008 until June 30, 2018. Following a discussion by Commission members, a

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motion was made by Mr. Thomas Drees and seconded by Ms. Annie Grevas to approve the FY 2009 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections as presented. The motion carried.

LSI-R Committee

Ms. Patricia Biggs provided an overview on LSI-R Committee activity. A handout of committee meeting minutes and a legislative proposal was provided. The primary focus has been on training efforts with court services. A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Biggs and seconded by Representative Janice Pauls to draft legislation mandating the statewide use of the LSI-R to determine community placement, including that the LSI-R be done post sentence. The motion carried. The legislation is anticipated to be introduced in the House of Representatives, but depending on the outcome of the elections, introduction may begin in the Senate. The next LSI-R meeting is September 19, 2008.

Substance Abuse Policy Board

Ms. Chris Mechler provided an overview on the Substance Abuse Policy Board. Commissioner Jennings was elected chairman. The Board does not plan to recreate the work of the Reentry Policy Council or the Recodification Commission. The meetings of September, October, November, and December are scheduled with intent to present information to the Legislature in January.

Agency Report

Ms. Pedigo provided and discussed an agency report. A handout was provided.

Next Meeting

The next Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower. As this meeting may conflict with the meeting of the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, the Sentencing Commission meeting may be moved to a later time in the afternoon with conference call capability provided.

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.