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TENTATIVE AGENDA

(updated 11/13/15)

November 17-18, 2015
8:00 a.m. each day
State Capitol, Room 152

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

Tuesday, November 17

- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Senator Cynthia Wolken, Presiding Officer
- 8:05 a.m. Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center Kickoff Presentation: review of key justice reinvestment points; recidivism and evidence-based meaning
→ CSG Justice Center staff
→ Questions from commissioners
- 9:00 a.m. Risk and Needs Assessments: background and best practices; development and use in Montana
→ CSG Justice Center staff
→ Commissioner Jennie Hansen, Probation and Parole Officer, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)
→ Megan Coy, Probation and Parole Division Programs and Facilities Bureau Chief, DOC
→ Dave Armstrong, CEO, Alternatives, Inc.
→ Questions from commissioners
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. Behavioral Health and Substance Use Programming: background and best practices; Montana programs, capacities, and needs
→ Steve Allen, CSG Justice Center
→ Timothy Conley, PhD, LCSW, CAS, Clinical and Research Consulting
→ Jessica Conell, Licensed Addiction Counselor, Montana State Prison
→ Questions from commissioners
- 12:20 p.m. Update on recent mental health/jail diversion grants to counties
→ Julie Prigmore, Mental Health Services Bureau Chief, Department of Health and Human Services

- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:30 p.m. Montana Board of Pardons and Parole: overview of board and recent legislative actions
 → Mark Staples, Presiding Officer, Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
 → Rep. Margaret 'Margie' MacDonald
 → Questions from commissioners
- 2:15 p.m. Community Supervision and Swift and Certain Sanctions: background and best practices; development and use in Montana
 → CSG Justice Center staff
 → Kevin Olson, Probation and Parole Division Administrator, DOC
 → Questions from commissioners
- 3:30 p.m. BREAK
- 3:45 p.m. Public comment*
- 4:15 p.m. Recess until Wednesday morning

Wednesday, November 18

- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Senator Wolken
- 8:05 a.m. Justice Reinvestment in Other States
 → Representative Eric Hutchings, State of Utah
 → Sheriff Kevin Thom, Pennington County, South Dakota
 → Questions from the commissioners
- 9:15 a.m. Treatment Courts: overview and use in Montana
 → Chief Justice Mike McGrath
 → Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator
 → Judge Ingrid Gustafson (13th Judicial District)
 → Questions from commissioners
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. Local Government and Law Enforcement Perspectives
 → CSG Justice Center staff
 → Sheriff Donna Whitt, Toole County
 → Sheriff Chuck Curry, Flathead County
 → Leo Gallagher, Lewis and Clark County Attorney
 → Mike Batista, Director, DOC
 → Questions from commissioners
- Noon Public comment*

- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. Justice Reinvestment Launch Event (Location TBD, commissioners and public welcome to attend)
- 2:00 p.m. Public comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the commission but not on this agenda*
- 2:15 p.m. Commission Work Session
- Discussion with/requests of CSG Justice Center staff
 - Next meeting topics
 - Any additional directions to LSD staff
 - Set next meeting date (early 2016)
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Public comment provided in person to the commission is a public record that is videotaped, archived, and available on the Internet. Public comment submitted in writing at a commission meeting is a public record that will be posted to the legislative Web site as part of the minutes log for the commission meeting.

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