



CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL 68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

January 22, 2024
Room 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Chris Friedel, Chair (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D) – Via Zoom
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Amy Tenney – Via Zoom
Brian Gootkin
Jimmy Patelis
Eldena Bear Don't Walk – Via Zoom
Luke Berger
Alan Doane – Via Zoom
Scott Twito – Via Zoom

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jerome McCarthy
Melissa Kelly
Brett Schandelson
Charlie Brereton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ross Canen
Sharen Kickingwoman

STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)**VISITORS' LIST** [\(Attachment 2\)](#)**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

09:00:53 Chris Friedel-R called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

IMPLEMENTING RESPONSES TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OUTCOMES

09:03:20 Valerie Meade, Deputy Director, Crime and Justice Institute (CJI)
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 2-10)
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Introductions of the CJI panel by Deputy Director Meade: Caitlin Flood, Senior Policy Specialist, Andy Tisdell, Policy Specialist, Colby Dawley, Deputy Director, and Maja Vlajnic, Senior Data and Policy Specialist.

09:14:57 Caitlin Flood
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 12-19)

09:29:20 Andy Tisdell
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 21-28)

09:36:18 Caitlin Flood
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 30-37)

Council Questions and Discussion

09:49:01 Amy Tenney directed a question to Caitlin Flood.
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 9)

09:51:28 Valerie Meade

09:54:01 Sen. Friedel directed several questions to Caitlin Flood.

09:59:41 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis directed a question to Valerie Meade.

10:01:09 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis directed a question to Caitlin Flood.

10:06:44 Director Gootkin

10:07:44 County Attorney Twito directed several questions to Caitlin Flood.
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Page 10 and 16)

10:15:30 Sen. Friedel

10:15:55 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis directed a question to Caitlin Flood.

10:18:09 Brian Smith Public Defender Division Administrator, Office of the State Public Defender (Representation for Director Schandelson) directed a question to Caitlin Flood.

10:19:57 Rep. Smith

Public Comment on implementing responses to improve community supervision outcomes

10:21:19 Joseph McElroy, Montana Board of Pardons and Parole directed a question to County Attorney Twito.

Council Questions and Discussion

10:23:47 Presiding Officer Regier shared a point of clarification.

SB 11 DATA WAREHOUSE UPDATES AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION

10:24:51 Natalia Bowser, Executive Director, Board of Crime Control
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

10:30:04 Janice Fries Statistical Analysis Center Director

10:32:02 Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer, Montana Department of Administration

Council Questions and Discussion

10:36:49 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis directed a question to Adam Carpenter

Public Comment on SB 11 Data Warehouse Updates and Council Discussion

10:37:20 None

RECESS

10:37:41 Reconvened at 11:01:44 a.m.

OVERVIEW AND JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES OF PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS

11:02:06 Judge Berger, 5th Judicial District

Council Questions and Discussion

11:18:46 Director Gootkin

11:21:24 County Attorney Twito

11:30:48 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

11:40:43 Rep. Smith

11:47:38 Director Gootkin

11:48:21 County Attorney Twito

11:50:07 Director Gootkin

11:50:36 Judge Berger

11:52:01 Sen. Friedel

11:54:12 County Attorney Twito

11:55:59 Amy Tenney

11:57:35 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis directed a question to Director Gootkin.

Public Comment on Overview and Judicial Perspectives of Presentence Investigations

11:58:44 None

RECESS

11:59:30 Reconvened at 13:01:51 p.m.

INTEGRATED CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM MODEL

13:02:12 Scott Eychner, Rehabilitation & Programs Chief, Department of Corrections (DOC)

Council Questions and Discussion

13:06:39 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:07:21 Erika Wimmer, Quality Assurance of Evidence-Based Practices & Programs Bureau Chief, DOC

13:08:12 Rep. Smith

13:11:26 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:14:17 Scott Eychner

13:15:06 Judge Berger

13:16:18 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:16:58 Judge Berger directed a question to Erika Wimmer.

13:19:38 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis directed several questions to Erika Wimmer.

COUNTY ATTORNEY CRIME REPORTING AND DASHBOARDS

13:25:37 Kirk Wagoner, Chief Software Engineer, Department of Justice (DOJ)

[EXHIBIT 4](#)

[EXHIBIT 5](#)

Council Questions and Discussion

13:39:05 County Attorney Twito

Public Comment on County Attorney Crime Reporting and Dashboards

13:40:30 None

STAFFING CHANGES AND WORK PLAN

13:41:05 Presiding Officer Regier

[EXHIBIT 6](#)

13:41:54 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:42:31 Director Gootkin

13:43:19 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:45:17 Rep. Smith

13:46:19 County Attorney Twito

13:48:12 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:49:13 Director Gootkin

13:50:14 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:51:09 County Attorney Twito

13:52:18 Brian Smith

13:53:21 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

13:54:38 Director Gootkin

13:54:47 Brian Smith

13:55:23 Rep. Smith

13:55:58 Director Gootkin

13:56:05 Judge Berger

13:57:10 County Attorney Twito

13:57:20	Brian Smith
13:57:41	County Attorney Twito
13:58:33	Director Gootkin
13:58:45	County Attorney Twito
13:59:26	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
13:59:35	Director Gootkin
13:59:40	County Attorney Twito
14:00:06	Presiding Officer Regier
14:00:16	Judge Berger
14:01:05	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:01:17	Presiding Officer Regier
14:01:20	County Attorney Twito
14:05:04	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis directed a question to County attorney Twito
14:05:55	Director Gootkin
14:06:41	Rep. Smith
14:07:24	Director Gootkin
14:07:28	Rep. Smith
14:07:45	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:08:15	County Attorney Twito
14:08:49	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:09:26	County Attorney Twito
14:09:45	Brian Smith
14:10:18	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:10:55	Judge Berger
14:11:57	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

14:12:24 County Attorney Twito
14:13:54 Chairman Hurd
14:17:22 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:18:36 Chairman Hurd
14:19:18 Director Gootkin
14:19:26 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:19:43 Director Gootkin
14:20:10 Brian Smith
14:20:48 County Attorney Twito
14:21:52 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:23:01 County Attorney Twito
14:24:26 Judge Berger
14:25:33 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:26:01 Chairman Hurd directed a question to Judge Berger
14:31:59 Brian Smith
14:32:38 Chairman Hurd
14:33:18 County Attorney Twito
14:36:23 Brian Smith

New Staff Introduction

14:37:24 Director Weiss introduced Dr. Annaliese Rank, Research Analyst.
14:38:45 Milly Allen shared the proposed Work Plan Topics
14:39:24 Presiding Officer Regier
14:39:41 County Attorney Twito
14:40:18 Milly Allen
14:41:55 Presiding Officer Regier
14:42:15 County Attorney Twito

14:42:41	Rep. Smith
14:43:00	Councilmember Tenney
14:43:38	Councilmember Bear Don't Walk
14:44:20	Sen. Friedel
14:44:59	County Attorney Twito
14:45:25	Presiding Officer Regier
14:45:29	County Attorney Twito
14:45:37	Presiding Officer Regier
14:45:49	Rep. Smith
14:46:26	Brian Smith
14:47:32	Rep. Smith
14:47:50	Brian Smith
14:48:09	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
14:48:51	Presiding Officer Regier directed a question to Milly Allen.
14:49:03	Sen. Friedel
14:49:58	Presiding Officer Regier
14:50:20	County Attorney Twito
14:50:39	Presiding Officer Regier
14:50:42	County Attorney Twito
14:51:01	Judge Berger
14:51:03	County Attorney Twito
14:51:15	Sen. Friedel
14:51:51	Brian Smith
14:52:14	County Attorney Twito
14:52:17	Presiding Officer Regier

14:52:59 Sen. Friedel

14:54:30 Rep. Smith

14:55:20 Presiding Officer Regier

Motion

14:55:54 Amy Regier moved to accept the topic priorities.

Vote

14:56:03 The motion carried without objection.

14:56:16 Presiding Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE COUNCIL NOT ON THIS AGENDA

14:57:44 None

ADJOURNMENT

14:57:51 Presiding Officer Regier adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.