

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
May 22, 2014**

The Honorable Evelyn Z. Wilson, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on May 22, 2014 at 1:34 p.m.

Participants:

Members:

- Honorable Evelyn Z. Wilson, Chair
- Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Vice Chair
- Honorable Patrick D. McAnany
- Senator David B. Haley
- Representative Janice L. Pauls
- Representative John J. Rubin
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- David W. Riggan, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Amy Hanley, Kansas Attorney General's Office
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Kathleen Graves, Department of Corrections Designee
- Kevin N. Berens, Thomas County Attorney
- J. Shawn Elliott, Attorney
- Elizabeth M. (Betsy) Gillespie, Director of Corrections, Johnson County
- Jennifer C. Roth, 3rd Judicial District Assistant Public Defender
- Edward (Eddie) J. Regan, Public Member
- Reverend Junius B. Dotson, Public Member

Guests:

Alexander Holsinger, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Programs,
University of Missouri - Kansas City
Derek Hein, Mirror Inc.
Susanna Honaker, Little Government Relations, LLC
Kevin Murray, Chief CSO, 21st Judicial District
Steve Kearney, Attorney

Staff:

Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
Sean Ostrow, SB 123 Program Director/ Staff Attorney
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
Trish Beck, Program Assistant

Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
Jennifer Dalton, Accountant
Ebo Browne, Research Analyst

Approval of Minutes

Chair Wilson referred to the Sentencing Commission meeting minutes of April 25, 2014. The Honorable Patrick D. McAnany moved to approve the minutes and Amy Hanley seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Level of Service Inventory Review

Alexander Holsinger, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Programs, University of Missouri - Kansas City presented his report: *Examining the Distribution of Level of Service Inventory - Revised Scores: Kansas Community Corrections & Court Services*.

The next meeting for the LSI-R Subcommittee will be in the Senate Room at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2014, to finalize cutoff decisions and establish supervision levels. It is anticipated that these recommendations will be available for full Commission consideration on June 19, 2014.

Executive Session

Chair Wilson moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes concerning personnel matters. Representative John Rubin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Back in open session, Representative Rubin moved to go back into executive session for an additional 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Shawn Elliott seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After 30 minutes, the meeting was back in open session.

SB 123 Report

Sean Ostrow, SB 123 Program Manager, reported the monthly SB 123 Treatment Provider Working Group meetings have been providing positive communication with treatment providers and continue to be very beneficial and informative.

Mr. Ostrow reported the SB 123 Utilization Review position qualifications and upcoming interviewing process will be discussed in more detail at the working group meeting on June 4, 2014 and will also present it to the Community Correction Association on June 5, 2014.

On May 9, 2014 a meeting was held discussing implementation of the policies set forth in the HB 2655 veteran's bill with General Butch Tate (Ret.), a veteran's advocate.

Mr. Ostrow presented to Community Correction Directors on May 21, 2014 concerning the veteran treatment.

The next meeting for the SB 123 Subcommittee will be in the Senate Room at 12:30 p.m. on July 24, 2014.

New Business

Chair Wilson reported that the Kansas Correctional System Capacity letter from Secretary Roberts indicates that KDOC facilities are at 100.3% capacity. Kathleen Graves, Deputy Secretary and KDOC designee, advised this may be due to a decrease in use of sanctions under the Justice Investment Initiative.

Agency Report

Scott Schultz, Executive Director, provided a brief summary of the agency's activity since the last meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on June 19, 2014 at the Jayhawk Tower, Senate Room.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 p.m.