

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
May 19, 2016**

The Honorable Evelyn Z. Wilson, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) meeting to order on May 19, 2016 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 Tom Sawyer
- Representative John J. Rubin
- Representative Janice Pauls
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board Designee
- Jessica G. Domme, Kansas Attorney General's Office
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Interim Secretary Johnnie Goddard, Secretary of Corrections Designee
- Kevin N. Berens, Thomas County Attorney
- Stacey L. Donovan, Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office
- Meredith Butler, Eighth Judicial District Community Corrections
- Nathan Barnes, Public Member
- Terry J. Malone, Attorney

Guests:

Marie McNeal, Department of Corrections
Mitchel DePriest, Hein Governmental Consulting, LLC
Susanna Honaker, Little Government Relations, LLC
Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and Kansas Sheriffs' Association
Tim Madden, Senior Counsel, Department of Corrections
Karen Wittman, Attorney

Staff:

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
- Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
- Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
- Charlene Becker, Utilization Review/SB 123 Program Director
- George "Ebo" Browne, Research Analyst
- Jesse Becker, Finance Director
- Trish Beck, Program Assistant
- Erica Waggoner, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Chair Wilson asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda as written. Honorable Patrick McAnany moved to approve the agenda and Stacey Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Wilson referred to the Sentencing Commission Meeting minutes of April 15, 2016. Vice Chair Fowler moved to approve the minutes as written. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Welcome New KSSC Members

Chair Wilson introduced and welcomed new Sentencing Commission member, Jessica Domme, who is replacing Amy Hanley as the Attorney General's designee.

Employee Award & Recognition Program

To encourage and recognize high achievement in the workplace, Executive Director Scott Schultz explained that the agency is now participating in an Employee Award and Recognition Program and this was the first recognition ceremony. Mr. Schultz advised of the program's purpose, process/procedure, eligibility and award categories. Listed below are the award categories in which staff is eligible every quarter:

- Distinguished Accomplishment;
- Meritorious Service;
- Kansas Quality Management;
- Volunteerism;
- Length of Service and
- Employee of the Quarter

The Selection Committee of Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Fowler and Kevin Berens met in April to consider nominations and determine award candidates. On behalf of the agency, Mr. Schultz presented the awards and recognitions as follows:

- Meritorious Service: Chis Chavez, Research Analyst III;
- Distinguished Accomplishments: George "Ebo" Browne, Research Analyst;
- Distinguished Accomplishment: SB 123 Program team of Charlene Becker, Jesse Becker, Trish Beck and Donna Owens; and
- Employee of the Quarter: Trish Beck, Program Assistant

SB 123 Committee Update

Committee chair Chris Mechler provided an SB 123 update on a meeting that was held on May 19, 2016. Ms. Mechler reported that staff had requested guidance as to keeping the payment processing in-house or exploring a third party vendor to provide expanded services. Jesse Becker presented beneficial information, including a cost estimate, regarding an in-house TPPS (Treatment Provider Payment System) proposal of upgrading the current system versus a third party solution that could also provide utilization management (UM). Brian Baker, Beacon Health Options, provided information to the committee on Managed Care Organizations, contracted UM and the benefits of utilizing a vendor. The committee will schedule a follow-up meeting to determine the direction of the project.

Agency Report

Executive Director Scott Schultz provided a summary of the agency's activities since the last meeting which included a legislative update. Five of the eight bills introduced by the Commission were signed into law.

The Commission and Sentencing Guidelines 101

Executive Director Scott Schultz announced that upon adjournment of the meeting, he would provide a presentation, *The Commission and Sentencing Guidelines 101: A Nuts and Bolts Approach* and welcomed members and guests to attend.

Next Meeting

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on June 23, 2016 at the Jayhawk Tower, Senate Room.

Meeting adjourned 2:32 p.m.