



AGENDA

2021 Kansas Sentencing Commission Workshop

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 15, 2021

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9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome
Approval of Agenda & August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair

9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Deferred Adjudication – A Survey of Existing State Laws & Best Practices

Allysa Gambarella, Program Director, National District Attorneys Association

Frank Russo, Director of Government & Legislative Affairs, National District Attorneys Association

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Break

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Overview of the State Hospital Role in Competency

Scott Brunner, Deputy Secretary, Hospitals & Facilities, Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services

Lesia Dipman, Superintendent, Larned State Hospital

Chianna Hemken, Administrative Program Director of SSP, Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services

11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Break

11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

KSSC Educational Outreach Update

Francis Givens, J.D., Special Projects Manager, Kansas Sentencing Commission

11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

SB 123 Update

Kira Johnson, LMLP, SB 123 Program Director

11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – On your own

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. KSSC Legislative Committee Recommendations & Discussion

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair
Scott Schultz, Executive Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission

1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Review & Discussion of Proposed Legislation

KSSC Commission Members

2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Continued Review & Discussion of Proposed Legislation

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3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Continued Review & Discussion of Proposed Legislation

KSSC Commission Members

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2021

K.S.A. 74-9101(b)(15) describes the Commission’s charge to make policy recommendations to the Executive and Legislative branches of Kansas government. It provides in pertinent part:

...When the commission's projections indicate that the inmate population will exceed available prison capacity within two years of the date of the projection, the commission shall identify and analyze the impact of specific options for (A) reducing the number of prison admissions; or (B) adjusting sentence lengths for specific groups of offenders. Options for reducing the number of prison admissions shall include, but not be limited to, possible modification of both sentencing grids to include presumptive intermediate dispositions for certain categories of offenders. Intermediate sanction dispositions shall include, but not be limited to: Intensive supervision; short-term jail sentences; halfway houses; community-based work release; electronic monitoring and house arrest; substance abuse treatment; and pre-revocation incarceration. Intermediate sanction options shall include, but not be limited to, mechanisms to explicitly target offenders that would otherwise be placed in prison. Analysis of each option shall include an assessment of such options impact on the overall size of the prison population, the effect on public safety and costs. In preparing the assessment, the commission shall review the experience of other states and shall review available research regarding the effectiveness of such option...