



Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Hearings on Criminal Justice Reform Topics

Wednesday, October 30th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Conference Room #250 at ACJC's Offices (1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ)

Topic: Defining recidivism across the state, county and probation systems.

Call to Order & Welcome Sheila Polk, Chairperson

Rollcall Sheila Polk, Chairperson

Review and Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2019
Committee Meeting Sheila Polk, Chairperson

Opening Statements Sheila Polk, Chairperson

- Purpose, objectives, and ground rules for today's hearing

Review of Information from First Hearing: How We Can Use Primary Data Sources to Best Determine Who is in our Prisons and Probation System.

- Andrew LeFevre, Executive Director, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Public Comment Period

Committee Discussion and Direction to Staff

- How does the Committee craft a common data framework/methodology for reviewing data

Break for Lunch

Review of Recidivism Definitions – A National Look

- ACJC Staff

Review of How Arizona Systems Define Recidivism

- Department of Corrections - Prisons
- Administrative Office of the Courts – Kathy Waters

Public Comment Period

Committee Discussion and Direction to Staff

- Determining a Definition of Recidivism for Arizona

Discussion on Future Topics for Consideration and Final Comments

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Committee on Criminal Justice Reform Minutes

September 25, 2019

A public meeting of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Committee on Criminal Justice Reform convened on September 25, 2019, at 1700 W Washington, Executive Tower, Second Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Members Present:

Sheila Polk, Chairperson, Yavapai County Attorney
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Paul Ahler representing
Dave Byers, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, Mike Baumstark representing
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Amelia Cramer representing
Greg Mengarelli, Mayor, City of Prescott, Chief Debra Black representing
Frank Milstead, Director, Department of Public Safety, Amber Sliwinski representing
Rachel Mitchel, Maricopa County Attorney
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, russ Skinner representing
Joe Profiri, Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Corrections
David Sander, Chief Probation Officer, Pima County
Danny Sharp, Chief, Oro Vally Police Department, Jason Larter representing
Steve Stahl, Chief, City of Maricopa Police Department
Cathryn Wahlen, Deputy Director, Maricopa County Public Defenders Office

Members Absent:

Joe Brugman, Chief, Safford Police Department
Sean Duggan, Chief, Chandler Police Department
Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff
Steve Williams, Navajo County Supervisor
C.T. Wright, chairman, Board of Executive Clemency

- I. **Call to Order & Welcome** – Chairperson Sheila Polk called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, a rollcall was taken and a quorum was declared present.
- II. **Opening Statements** – Chairperson Polk made opening comments and discussed the Purpose, objectives, and ground rules for today’s hearing.
- III. **Speaker Presentation** – Steve Twist, Vice President and General Counsel for Services Group of America made a presentation to the Committee on how major policy initiatives like Victims’ Rights and Truth in Sentencing have shaped Arizona’s criminal justice system.
- IV. **Speaker Presentation** – Kathy Waters, Division Director, Adult Probation, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts and Humberto Cisneros, Senior Statistical Specialist, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts made a presentation to the Committee on what data is collected by the Arizona Supreme Court on Arizona’s probation and court systems.
- V. **Break for Lunch**
- VI. **Speaker Presentation** – Stacey Crabtree, Administrator, Offender Services, Arizona Department of Corrections, Herb Haley, Time Computation Administrator, Arizona Department of Corrections, and Jennifer Abbots, Offender Services Administrative Services Officer made a presentation to the Committee on what data is collected by the Arizona Department of Corrections.

- VII. **Speaker Presentation** – Andrew LeFevre, Executive Director, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission made a presentation to the Committee about what information is available in federal data sources like the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report and the US Bureau of Justice Statistics criminal justice data tool. Director LeFevre also presented on arrest and disposition data contained in Arizona’s Computerized Criminal History System.
- VIII. **Call to the Public** – Chairperson Polk made a call to the public for comment. Ms. Rebecca Fealk from the American Friends Service Committee addressed the Committee about the importance of a transparent reporting methodology and data collection process and briefly discussed their report “Drug Sentencing in Arizona: A Prescription for Failure.”
- IX. **Closing Comments and Direction to Staff** – Chairperson Polk asked the Committee Members if there were any comments for consideration. Chief Stahl commented that based on the presentations heard by the Committee and comments made about the role of Arizona’s criminal justice system that it is important to keep in mind what data victims may want to be collected and how that data can be used to reduce victimization in the future. Ms. Whalen commented that 97% of arrestees go to trial and that if possible can data be collected on plea agreements like what was the indictment vs. what was plead down to a lesser offense. Several Committee Members reiterated the importance of data being consistently looked at over time.
- X. The meeting was adjourned.