

**Public Safety Improvement Act (PSIA)  
Oversight Council Meeting**

Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 • 10:00am CST  
Capital Building • LRC Room 414  
Pierre, SD

Attendance:

Chief Justice Appointments: Judge Patricia Riepel, Attorney Bruce Hubbard, Greg Sattizahn (SCAO)

Legislative Appointments: Senator Jim Bradford, Senator Craig Tieszen, Representative Jacqueline Sly, Representative Karen Soli

Governor Appointments: Jim Seward (Chairman), Mark Smith (Board of Pardons and Paroles), Laurie Feiler (DOC), Amy Iversen-Pollreis (DSS)

Attorney General Appointment: Aaron McGowan (Minnehaha County State's Attorney)

Council Staff: Troy Schmid (SCAO), Sadie Stevens

Absent: Judge Jeff Davis

**Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**

Council Chair Jim Seward called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

- Chairman Seward welcomed the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting's agenda
- He mentioned that preliminary results are coming in as expected and South Dakota's prison populations are declining and community supervision is rising

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Implementation Status Reports**

**Department of Corrections PSIA Status Updates – (Laurie Feiler)**

Laurie Feiler provided a brief overview of the status of DOC's PSIA implementation covering the following points as well as reviewing numbers on the annual report. (More of this information is provided in the Annual Report):

- CTP Housing
  - 75 referrals through June 2015
  - 18 active in September 2015
- Parole Board training is on schedule
- EPICS process explained for those who might be unaware
- Dashboards/Annual Report reviewed
- Reinvestment Fund
  - \$1 million to offset money spent
  - Fund payments are located in Appendix 4 of the Annual Report
- Tribal Pilot

- 64 served so far through FY15
- Update was included later on in meeting.

### **Unified Judicial System's PSIA Status Update – (Greg Sattizahn)**

Greg Sattizahn outlined the recent updates and status of the UJS's implementation of the PSIA. (More of this information is provided in the Annual Report).

- Presumptive Probation
  - Courts have embraced the change.
  - SD Supreme Court has upheld the Presumptive Probation sentencing structure.
  - Added two drug courts and 1 DUI court on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- 29 CSOs left to be trained for EPICS
  - Focus on improving interactions with probationers
- Hope Probation targeted at drug abusers who can conform if they are given proper testing and monitoring.
  - There have been eleven successes to date with only two cases of recidivism.

### **Department of Social Services' PSIA Status Update – (Amy Iversen-Pollreisz)**

Amy Iversen-Pollreisz outlined the recent updates and status of DSS's implementation of the PSIA. (More of this information is provided in the Annual Report).

- MRT and CBISA
  - CBISA and MRT continue to be available in every circuit.
  - FY15 was the first full year of implementation and it went well with more than the anticipated number of offenders referred for services (original estimates were 500).
  - In FY15, 732 clients started CBISA (substance abuse treatment) services and 302 successfully completed treatment. Average treatment length is 8 months.
  - In FY15, 408 clients started MRT (criminal thinking) services. Average treatment length is 6.5 months.
- Rural Pilot
  - In FY15, 22 clients started CBISA services through the rural pilot and six successfully completed treatment.
  - At this point, the need for treatment services through the rural pilot is less than what was originally anticipated. One of the main reasons for this may be the availability of regular CBISA services in many counties.

### **Lunch Break**

#### **Annual Report Discussion**

The Performance Measures Dashboard has been added to this year's Annual Report. This should make data required by legislation more readable and readily available. The new format was reviewed and some small needed changes to the report were noted.

#### **Drug Court Client Testimony – (Noreen Plumage)**

Noreen Plumage outlined the recent updates and status of the Drug Court implementation and process. (More of this information is contained in the Annual Report).

- Typical Drug Court client participation is 12-24 months.
  - Improved housing and living generally expected if sober after 3 years
  - After 4-7 years, insight and problem knowledge is gained

- After 7 years, relapse rate drops to around 14%
- Ashley Cook aids her client in sharing his story.
  - 13 court members in her area, 26 clients, and 9 successes
- Kora aids her client in sharing her story.
  - Sioux Falls Court – DUI/Drug Court lasts around 18-24 months
  - 42 Drug Court participants, 31 graduates
- There was a lengthy council discussion regarding possible legislation to help improve sober felony probationers receive pardons and other quality of life improvements after certain sobriety conditions are met.

**SAVIN PSIA Status Update – (Jamie Freestone)**

Jamie Freestone outlined the recent updates and status of SAVIN’s implementation. (More of this information is contained in the Annual Report).

- Examples of notifications cards were handed out. These are used to expedite communications.
- The official SAVIN website is located at [savin.sd.gov](http://savin.sd.gov).
  - Website functionalities include:
    - Searching for offenders by name
    - Multiple levels of user access including Interested Party and Victim
    - Automatic notifications when case/offender status is updated.
    - Registration is not required to search
  - State Attorney’s Office handles approvals for Victim status.

**Questions/Comments/Notes**

- Rebecca Silber comments that Vera will be closing on Phase 2.
- 2013-2014 prison and crime rates did not increase.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting date will be determined at a future time.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.