

## Justice and Public Safety Committee

February 4, 2020 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Riverside Hotel | Boise, ID | Juniper Room

### MEETING MINUTES

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**Call to Order | *Chair Paul Wilde***

#### **Consideration of Approval of September 2019 Meeting Minutes**

*Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2019 meeting. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.*

#### **Idaho Supreme Court | *Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts***

Justice Bevan thanked the counties for their work and explained that the Justices understand the constraints on the counties.

Odyssey is now live in all 44 counties. The entire Odyssey system will be upgraded in May; however, there are two things that are pending with Tyler. If Tyler doesn't fix them, the upgrade will not happen. The training for the upgrade will take about 4 hours.

The justices and Sara Thomas attended a justice conference to discuss mental health. There has been a lot of work done by a lot of different groups in Idaho; however, there hasn't been much movement. Everyone needs to be on the same page and have better coordination. Between now and Oct. 31 a strategic plan will be developed. There will be one county elected official on this council. There will be deadlines with actions. Gaps will be identified in the districts and this will help create next path. The council will inventory the state.

Sheriff Nielson stated that too many individuals are going into county jails even though they are not supposed to go to jail and most of the time these individuals are coming out of the jail worse off than when they went in. Sara Thomas asked the counties to send her all information that may be beneficial to the council. The goal is to intercept these people before they go into jail.

OPE has asked the courts for data in regards to fines and fees. The courts created a website with all available data from Odyssey. [Courtdata.idaho.gov](http://Courtdata.idaho.gov)

### **Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction | *Monty Prow, executive director***

The Juvenile Corrections Act has been around since 1995. There were 24,000 juvenile arrest in 1995 and 6,500 in 2019. Juvenile Corrections has seen about a 60% reduction since 1995. Juvenile Corrections is continually learning more about our kids because there are better systems in place.

Valley County has closed their facility because of the reduction in juvenile arrests. There isn't a need for that facility. Partnerships have helped this system continue. Everyone has worked together to keep needed facilities open. More program space has been added to the Nampa facility.

Juvenile Correction has started a Clinician project. Every juvenile that comes into the system meets with a clinician. It is to make sure they are not suicidal. Clinicians help keep juveniles out of the system on a long-term basis. Canyon County had 89 juveniles in juvenile corrections 10 years ago. There are only 18 now. The state has provided great funding for resources to help these kids. There were almost 700 individuals on juvenile probation in 2010. There are only about 400 now. Diversion programs have been very successful and have helped create a low recidivism rate of 18%.

Juvenile Corrections has a request to the legislature for some funding for teachers on the career ladder. There were a couple of housekeeping rules that were done. There were more substantial changes in the probation services rules. The whole chapter was struck and was replaced with rules that cover actual processes that are happening today.

### **Idaho Prosecuting Attorney Association | *Holly Koole, Ada County***

The Idaho Prosecuting Attorney Association (IPAA) is working with stakeholders on the hemp bill. It has taken a lot of time. IPAA is also working on transportation, farming, and others. IPAA has been at the forefront of the clean slate bill. This would allow individuals to move forward with their lives after committing crime. This applies to misdemeanors and felonies. IPAA is following proposals that would address the warrantless arrest in regards to the court decision that came out. Mandatory minimums are a continued discussion. IPAA has been listening to all the IDOC presentations.

### **Idaho Sheriff's Association | *Vaughn Killeen, executive director***

The Idaho Sheriff's Association (ISA) holds a weekly legislative conference call. ISA will be discussing driver's licenses this week. Sheriff's revenues are short on what it actually costs to run DMVs. ISA spoke to Rep. Palmer and he was supportive. State inmate fees will be coming forward. IDOC spoke in a presentation about wanting to change this fee after it was adjusted two years ago. OPE just did a report that told the legislature that it would cost less to build more prisons, rather than sending inmates out of state. There are competing distracted driving bills. There is a decriminalization bill from Senator Burgoyne. Lastly, ISA will be in discussions with the Nez Perce Tribe, who want to revisit authority for tribal police off the reservation.

### **Legislative Update | *Kelli D Brassfield, IAC; Seth Grigg, IAC executive director***

There is no other legislative update other than the proposal/bill updates already given.

**Open Discussion | *Chair Paul Wilde***

Doug Miller, Valley County Clerk, asked the committee if there has been any discussion about inmate medical costs. Chris Goetz, Clearwater County Sheriff, state that there are discussions going on at the federal level to talk about presentencing and those individuals staying on Medicaid.

Cody Brower, Oneida County Prosecuting Attorney, spoke with the individual that started the medical marijuana initiative in Colorado and he made it no secret that it was his intention to get recreational marijuana passed when he started the initiative. The question was posed to the committee that if the group truly believes that medical marijuana will eventually be in Idaho, than why don't the PAs and Sheriffs write the legislation, that way it can be written to ensure it is used for its intended purpose. The committee adamantly agreed they don't want to see marijuana in the state, not matter of its use.

Meeting was Adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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