

IDAHO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

"Collaborating for a Safer Idaho"
Established 2005
C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

2009 Accomplishments

Adopted June 28, 2013

Gang Strategies: Enforcement, Reduction, Re-entry and Legislation Subcommittee

- Gang Strategies Subcommittee was established.

Regional Offender Management Centers Subcommittee

- Purpose is to research feasibility of creating a regional offender management center in Idaho. A Bryne JAG grant application was submitted and approved. Idaho Association of Counties and Idaho Sheriff's Association, in partnership with Idaho Department of Correction, jointly managed the project.

Public Defense System Subcommittee

- First meeting was held with the purpose to "develop recommendations to improve Idaho's public defense system."

Early Intervention (Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline) Subcommittee

- Implemented training for teachers to deal with children of incarcerated parents.
- Developed work around a truancy court, work with judges who have implemented successful programs, and develop a manual to help other judges.
- Disbanded due to members' increasing workloads and the primary focus on the Children of Incarcerated Parents Project Subcommittee.

Children of Incarcerated Parents Project Subcommittee

- Established as a standing subcommittee. Previously was a work group under the Early Intervention subcommittee.
- Expanded to create specific recommendations for the Commission to adopt.

Criminal Justice Research Alliance Subcommittee

- Focused research project on adult male convicted sex offenders to finish the adult portion.
 - Compare current Idaho practices to best practices.
 - Narrow focus to assessment, treatment and supervision.
 - Make recommendations to resolve gaps.

Violent Sexual Predator (VSP) Issues and Legislation Subcommittee

- Expanded to explore best way for Idaho to designate VSP status.
- Identified models and recommendations for the Commission's consideration and recommendation to the Governor.

Misdemeanor Probation Project Subcommittee

- Submitted a Byrne JAG grant to expand ISTARs as a case management system that could be used statewide for misdemeanor probation and risk assessment tools in line with the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission policy. Grant was approved.
- Subcommittee members worked with Business Psychology Associates and Office of Drug Policy on protocol to allow misdemeanor offenders to access substance abuse funds.

NICS Improvement Act Subcommittee

- Disbanded after Commission accepted legislative recommendations.

Legislation Passed

- Amendments to National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Improvement Act.
- Amendments to Sex Offender Notification and Registration Act for technical amendments and updates and to incorporate existing electronic monitoring requirement for violent sexual predators.

Other Accomplishments

- Developed a “Juvenile Delinquency and Gang Prevention Resource Guide or Toolkit” and posted to the State Department of Education's web site.
- On behalf of the Commission, IDOC applied for a grant to assist the Commission with meeting its goals, strategies, and objectives.
- Recommended to the Office of the Attorney General to modify the executive order for the Grant Review Board to add the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare and the Director of the Office of Drug Policy. Completed in this year—Executive Order 2009-12.
- Commission adopted to support best practice programming.
- Commission recommended to the Governor that he send a letter to the U.S. Attorney General requesting acceptance of additional input from work groups prior to making a final decision on Prison Rape Elimination Act standards.

- Commission members supported a member's (representative from the State Department of Education) proposal to work with the Sex Offender Registry and the director of Idaho State Police to identify a solution to protect school children on school grounds and to at least have knowledge of registered sex offenders that may be on school grounds because they have children attending school.
- Commission supported implementation of a single substance abuse assessment tool.
- A sex offender management forum was held and co-sponsored by Idaho Department of Correction.

Documents Adopted

- *Children of Incarcerated Parents Subcommittee Guiding Principles* document.
- A disclaimer notice was adopted to share with presenters in advance of presentations indicating that presentations before the Commission are not indicative of Commission support, but for educational purposes, unless stated otherwise.

Sex Offender Management

- Sex offender management trainings were held for new district judges; House Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee; law enforcement (included probation and parole staff, treatment and education staff, sex offender management staff, and staff from Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Office of the Attorney General, and Ada County Sheriff's Office); and Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.