

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission
Regular Meeting
June 28, 2024

Location: In Person – Local Government Center

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Present:

Ashley Dowell, Chair, Comm of Pardons & Parole
Chris Mathias, House Jud, Rules & Admin
Melissa Wintrow, Senate Judiciary & Rules
Vacant, Vice Chair, Public Member
Erik Lehtinen, SAPD
Jonathon Brody, Judge, District Court

Thomas Sullivan, Judge, Magistrate Court
Joshua Hurwit, U.S. Attorney, District of Idaho
Jeff Nye, Idaho Attorney General’s Office
Bruce Skaug, House Jud & Rules Admin
Jared Larsen, Office of the Governor

Denton Darrington, Public Member
Monty Prow, IDJC (James Phillips)
Josh Tewalt, Department of Correction
Kathleen Elliott, Public Defense Commission
Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties

Comprising a quorum of Idaho Criminal Justice Commission (Commission)

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Absent:

Marianne King, Office of Drug Policy
Kedrick Wills, Idaho State Police
Darren Simpson, Judge, District Court
Greg Wilson, Department of Education
Grant Loeb, Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.
Sara Omundson, Idaho Supreme Court
Ross Edmunds, Health & Welfare (Monty Prow)
Todd Lakey, Senate Judiciary & Rules Chairman
Bernadette LaSarte, Public Member
Tracy Basterrechea, Chiefs of Police Association
Kieran Donahue, Idaho Sheriffs Association

Others Present:

Destiny Triplet (filling in for Marianne King)
Chris Bruce

Agenda <i>Who's Responsible</i>		Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached	Due Date
9:00 am (5 min)	Call to Order— <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Roll Call— <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> Review Commission's Vision and Mission Statement and Values—<i>Commission Members</i> 	Call to order at 9:07am Josh Tewalt -Vision Jeff Nye – Mission Josh Hurwit - Values	
Commission Management			
9:05 pm (5 min)	Action Item – Approve May 2024 Minutes	<i>Seth Grigg motioned to approve the May 2024 minutes. Jeff Nye seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</i>	
Promote Well-Informed Policy Decisions			
9:10 pm (1.5 hr.)	Strategic Planning Discussion – Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic plan didn't quite reflect the current desires and direction of the commission. Introducing some action items to move a few things forward and create a more accurate plan. - Include the governor on ICJC matters and decision making for the executive order. <u>Discussion of Strategic Planning</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional resources to families earlier on, more collaborative problem solving, initial habilitation importance, pain points, leveraging new technology to bring more successes, increasing transparency in data, building resiliency in children through parenting and support classes, being more pro-active (as opposed to reactive) in the system, and general discussion where entities fit into the whole process. <u>Roundtable Additional Thoughts on the Idaho Criminal Justice System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding gender-based lenses and considering those issues when making changes and implementations. - Anything to help create more preventative measures for youth and parents who are struggling. Enough of the right resources (rural areas do struggle with access to certain resources though), but there is a general lack of providers. - Reducing recidivism. Providing resources that help individuals is key. A team approach is important – having experts in mental health, fact investigation, historical experts, behavioral experts, etc., is very critical in reducing return rates into the criminal justice system. - The importance of constitutional rights and being pro-active was highlighted. - ICJC is a great place for collaborative work, where strategies and goals can be discussed and worked toward as a whole. Collective solutions. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasizing prevention and evidence-based programs, and incentive families in the criminal justice system to take advantage of those opportunities. - Importance of the success of public schools. - Focusing more on habilitation rather than the punishment. Solutions that really focus on the front end that help to keep people out of the criminal justice system in the first place. 	
10:40 am (10 min)	Break		
10:50 am (1 hr.)	Strategic Planning Discussion Cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention and services pay off in the long run. - Needs for women in the criminal justice system, and needs for mental health services are important to recognize in conjunction with the whole meeting discussion. - Program evaluation is highly important to provide a wider and more effective solution to individuals in the criminal justice system. What are those “next steps” after a program has proven itself to work (or not work). - Critical importance of data. i.e., uniform case management systems and software for all law enforcement, prosecutors, etc., could help relieve financial resources and create cohesion among agencies and departments as far as data access goes. Obstacles can exist between different levels of governments and agencies. Counties in particular have very different procedures for handling cases and communication can play a big role in sharing effective methods between counties who may have a better system as opposed to another. - Funding becomes one of the major roadblocks for unified systems and software. Navigating where those funds come from for that infrastructure to support a statewide criminal justice system is important, especially as many counties already lack funds for other out of date infrastructure. - Balance of powers between government branches is very important, so that equal authority exists. Oversight, accountability, and transparency on the actions that are being taken. Again, program evaluation is 	

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		<p>important for individuals that receive resources through the criminal justice system to ensure they are effective and ethical.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Space in facilities is also a pain point mentioned, ensuring that there is separation for neurocognitive individuals, versus those who are in jails or prisons. Improper and lack of space exists for neurocognitive conditions in individuals, and rather than putting them in jails, creating more space for a growing population of elderly people. - Dementia, cognitive decline, and other neurocognitive conditions end up pushing individuals to where there are resources, and that is currently the jails or prisons, which isn't where these individuals can receive the needs they require. - Discovering where the successes are in various departments and agencies and putting ideas and thoughts together through that cooperative process could provide efficient solutions. - Converting datasets that aren't proprietary and accessible to everyone in the criminal justice system. - Discretion exercised between actors in the criminal justice system is an important talking point to look at, because the easiest discretion to exercise doesn't always make it the right one. - Continuing discussion on successes and direction for revitalizing the strategic plan is ongoing. 	
12:00 pm	Adjournment	- Adjournment at 11:38	

Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held in Boise, Friday, July 26, 2024

“Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”