

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN: PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SECTION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES April 7, 2018
10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. State Bar Building, Lansing, MI

I. Attendance and Welcome

Present: Sandy Girard, Monica Jahner, Korbin Felder, Marilena David-Martin, Jackie Ouvry, Mike Marutiak, Carol Siemon, Dave Gilbert, Barb Levine, John Cooper, Kyle Kaminski, Pat Streeter, Keith Barber, and Judge Shapiro

Excused Absences: Ron Emery, Gary Kasenow, and Nicole George

Guests: Dan Manville

II. Adoption of Agenda

Carol moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Pat. Agenda was adopted unanimously.

III. Approval of February 3, 2018 Minutes

Carol moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by John. Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Mike moved to receive the treasurer's report and Carol seconded. The report was unanimously adopted.

V. Old Business

A. Legislative Update – John Cooper

(1) The medical parole bills passed out of the house and were amended in a couple of ways. First, for those not at minimums, there is a judicial process for prosecutor to object to litigate question of whether person is medically frail. Second, first degree murder and first-degree CSC are carved out. (2) The Raise the Age cost study came out. They project it would cost \$26-\$60 million dollars to county and state to raise the age.

B. June Program Committee

Pat motioned to allow Mari to send a draft agenda for the June conference to the committee for approval. The group will send feedback and once the agenda is confirmed, the conference announcement will be announced via newsletter, social media, and the listserv. The topic will be on mental health.

C. Revised draft of GPS position statement

The committee reviewed the revised GPS position statement and engaged in discussion about the scope and tone of the paper. Nine supported the paper, 2 opposed, 2 abstained. Jackie moved to vote on each recommendation individually; Mike seconded. The recommendations were adopted as follows:

Recommendation 1: 10 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained

Recommendation 2: 9 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstained

Recommendation 3: 11 in favor, 2 abstained

Recommendation 4: 11 in favor, 2 abstained

Corrections and suggestions to Barb by April 13; Barb will re-circulate by April 19 and final version to Pat by April 23.

D. Newsletter

Will be published in late April. Pat is working on an article on mental health jail diversion relating to a progress report issued in January. The report highlights work with the crisis intervention training (CIT) program and different intercept points and recidivism rates and how they were impacted by the program. The report found that jail staff and officers, when trained, have an increased ability to identify people with mental health problems. One recommendation is to implement a standardized intake tool, statewide.

E. Law Library Tours

Tour will be on May 11, 2018 at Women Huron's Valley. Kyle will send around the LEIN forms for anyone who wants to attend.

F. Legal Writer Program

VI. Report from Criminal Law Section Liaison

Our section is co-sponsoring the Criminal Law Section program on June 15 and 16 in Frankenmuth. The topic is on Forensic Evidence. Registration is \$25 and will be open soon.

The Criminal Law Section looked at three of the bills proposed as a result of the Nassar case and voted to oppose that series of bills.

Mike asked to approve expenditure for two email blasts to advertise the Criminal Law Section conference, which was unanimously approved.

VII. New Business

A. Election of Chair-Elect

Motion to elect Mike as Chair by Judge Shapiro and seconded Jackie Ouvry. Unanimously approved.

B. MDOC Mail Policy

Paper restrictions are still in place. Anything printed on white paper can go in. Still restricted: markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue, glitter, stickers, lipsticks, oils, etc. Colored letterhead is fine. There is now a small carve out for attorneys and others.

VIII. Announcements/Notices

All are encouraged to attend the following events:

- April 11, 2018 Citizens for Prison Reform Legislation Day,
- April 19, 2018 one day summit by CSG “Michigan State Forum on Public Safety,” and
- April 27, 2018 SADO, PAAM, MDOC training

IX. Adjournment

Pat moved to adjourn, Jackie seconded, unanimously approved. Meeting concluded at 12:00 pm. Next meeting is on May 5, 2018.

Submitted by:

Marilena David-Martin
Standing in for Secretary Ron Emery
April 7, 2018