

Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

Ad-hoc Working Group for Reinvestment Discussion Planning

Meeting Summary

June 18, 2018

10:30 AM

510 L Street, Anchorage AK, 99501

And Audio-teleconference

Commissioners Present: Greg Razo, Brenda Stanfill, Steve Williams

Staff: Susanne DiPietro, Barbara Dunham

The group discussed the following ideas:

- Whether to use the term reinvestment or investment.
 - Brenda noted that it would be better not to wait for savings to accumulate and she didn't want to limit investment into incarceration alternatives by tying it to accumulated savings. Susanne said she was not sure the state was necessarily spending less. The group discussed the prison population bump when the Pretrial Enforcement Division came online and the increase in the police force in Anchorage.
- Process
 - The group discussed the idea of having the agencies receiving reinvestment money collaborate to develop a plan.
 - Steve noted that he had tentatively booked a facilitator, Gwen Kennedy, to help with the discussion, noted there should be ground rules for facilitation. He also noted that the ACJC is a public body and wondered how best to have the public weigh in.
 - Steve also note the ACJC has been reacting to things by making recommendations piecemeal, he thought it would be better to have a proactive, systematic approach
- DOC allocation/funding issues
 - DOC is looking to alter its procurement process to change the CRC model (bills didn't pass this session)
 - Remainder DOC's BJA JRI grant, approved by ACJC, can't be accepted next year due to DOC not having receipt authority for it – Susanne will verify if there is a way to extend those projects.
- Evidence-based programming/Use of Results First results
 - Susanne noted that the ACJC has already endorsed reinvesting in evidence-based and cost-efficient; Results First is a good resource for individual programs once ideas and priorities are identified.
- Reach out to agencies to determine allocations/expenditures

- No need to oversee or second guess current expenditures or allocations but need to gauge what has already been done and where the gaps are.
- Want to know basic plan for FY19 and 20 as well, and anything else criminal justice related the agencies would like to share.
- Victim restitution
 - What changes were made with Rep. Kopp's bill?

The group decided the following items would be on the agenda for the July 20 meeting:

1. Decide what product the Commission is going to create: a guideline or process for reinvestment, recommendations for specific allocations, or something in between.
 - a. Note Commission's oversight authority and purview, recommendations that have already been made
2. What pot of money is the Commission's plan going to use—reinvestment, frontloaded investment?
3. Walk through expenditures and allocations to date.
 - a. Have each agency give a brief description
4. Walk through crosswalk and discuss whether/how to use the overlapping plans.

The group discussed using the following materials at the July 20 meeting:

- Crosswalk of current recommendations and strategic plans
 - Gives a picture of what ideas overlap and where the ACJC could be most useful in making recommendations
 - Add victims' roundtable suggestions
- Table of expenditures and allocations
- Previous ACJC recommendations