

ACJC Workgroup on Barriers to Reentry  
**Staff Notes and Member Assignments from February 12, 2016**  
at the Brady Building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

Commissioners attending: Brenda Stanfill, Dean Williams  
Commissioners absent: Jeff Jessee  
Staff present: Mary Geddes, Susie Dosik  
Participating: Doreen Schenkenberger

**Next meeting is: March 11, 2016, 1:00-3:00 PM**

**Anchorage Reentry Coalition:** Mary has contacted the Anchorage Reentry Coalition in order to better out outreach and avoid duplication of effort. The Anchorage Coalition has formed the following committees: Employment/Education, Housing, and Behavioral Health.

**Ban the Box:** Mary Geddes and Susie Dosik reported on their contact with DOA Deputy Commissioner Leslie Ridle, who had invited Director of Labor Relations and Personnel Kate Sheehan in for the teleconference. Prior to the meeting, Leslie had been copied with Susie's written proposals for (1) a statute and (2) changes to the DOA's hiring regulations. [After the meeting Mary sent along additional information on Ban the Box measures enacted by other states and local governments.] Because of the press of business, Ms. Ridle had not yet had a chance to review the documents. Following our brief presentation, Ms. Ridle indicated she would review and contact both the Governor's office and confer with the Commissioner of Administration Sheldon Fisher to determine their interest in Ban the Box measures. By way of background, the proposed regulations would impact state employee hiring except when there are statutory or regulatory restrictions on eligibility for hiring, e.g. corrections, law enforcement. The proposed statute would have broader reach, extending Ban the Box provisions to quasi governmental entities and state contractors. Staff will follow through with Leslie Ridle.

**DHSS proposals for statutory and regulatory changes.** DHSS, through the Governor, has submitted changes to the laws concerning criminal history checks and the criminal and civil registry of persons who may be precluded from state licensing and certification. The statutory proposal is in [SB 151](#). The agency has also proposed changes to barrier crimes and other related regulations; this set of changes can be found at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=180130>. At staff's request the comment period on the proposed regulations was extended by another 45 days to April 25. This extended comment period should be sufficient for commenting on the proposed changes. Susie Dosik, who attended a public hearing on the changes will coordinate.

**Clemency/Expungement.** Staff noted the longstanding public interest in expungement and clemency type measures for individuals with old convictions and SIS dispositions. Individuals have mentioned clemency (generally speaking) as a way to ameliorate the disabilities arising from even minor offenses such as Minor Consuming. The Executive Clemency program has been in limbo for years. This may be the time however to re-visit expungement, especially with respect to discrete classes of offenses and time frames. Deb Periman and Barbara Armstrong will asked to attend next meeting because of their work on the topic.

