

ACJC Workgroup on Barriers to Reentry  
**Staff Notes and Member Assignments from December 8, 2014**  
at the Snowden Conference Center

Commissioners attending: Jeff Jessee, Brenda Stanfill, Kaci Schroeder (DOL delegate), Ron Taylor  
Staff present: Mary Geddes, Susie Dosik.,  
Participating: Janet McCabe (Partners), Deborah Periman (UAA), Barbara Armstrong (UAA), Nancy Meade (ACS)

**Next meeting is: January 8, 2015, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Foraker Room  
Denali Commission, 510 L Street, Anchorage**

#### INFORMATION

A handout was distributed that included the provisions relating to Title 28 in SB 64, and an outline of work necessary and possible topics for a Title 28 symposium.

#### DISCUSSION

Access to Court records of non-conviction: Senator Dyson and Chuck Kopp were unable to attend the meeting so this topic was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### Title 28

##### *Timeframe*

The report on Title 28 is due to the legislature no later than July 1, 2017. It was agreed that this is a maximum date and a report can be presented earlier. September 2016 was identified as a good target date to issue a report. It was recommended that the commission work backward from that date to establish mid-stream goals and targets. It was also noted that the legislature is working on these issues currently and the group discussed and commissioners will need to discuss how to respond to proposed or filed legislation, if at all.

##### *Symposium*

The workgroup discussed a proposed symposium on Title 28 issues. The purpose of a symposium would be to inform and educate CJC commissioners and other stakeholders, as well as to share information and concerns about various processes (e.g. revocations, monitoring technologies, etc.) and obtain feedback from stakeholders not represented on the commission. The intended participants would include CJC commissioners, interested legislators, various agency personnel (e.g. DMV and DPS), vendors, and other stakeholders such as Partners for Progress, and MAAD or other victim representatives. The format and timing was also discussed. Alternatives to a full-day conference were proposed such as webinars or teleconferencing, to alleviate the need for travel and other large expenses associated with an in-person conference. It was agreed that putting on programming of this nature would require substantial planning and staff time, and having it at the originally discussed February date was not feasible. Staff will explore either a full-day webinar format or a series of webinar type programs with the assistance of Barbara Armstrong. It was agreed that the CJC would need to hire an event planning consultant to implement this goal.

### *Work Plan*

Ways to approach the Title 28 review were discussed and considered. A possible symposium was just one approach. Another was to present a series of working papers on the various issues surrounding Title 28. It was agreed that this approach would also be useful because of the ability to refer back to written documents. In general, commissioners would like the following information:

- An overview on the current law;
- An overview of how the law is implemented;
- The strengths and weaknesses of the current system;
- Evidence-based alternatives have been tried by other jurisdictions.

Staff agreed to provide the information.

### Collateral Consequences of Misdemeanors

The subgroup was scheduled to meet immediately after the full workgroup to discuss how to approach this work.

### Other Topics

The workgroup raised other possible issues for consideration including barriers to housing, public assistance (food stamps, TANF), and other government benefits (e.g., student loans) due to collateral consequences of conviction.

## RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Staff:

1. Explore potential formats and identify consultants to plan a series of webinars or a day-long webinar or other distance learning on Title 28 issues to inform and share information and concerns with CJC commissioners and other stakeholders.
2. Prepare working papers on Title 28 issues. Possible topics include current legal structure and implementation issues and alternatives, revocation processes, monitoring technologies, and vehicle sanctions. Staff will begin with an overview of the legal framework.
3. Circulate for discussion an existing paper on the state's food stamp lifetime exclusion for drug felons.

Commissioners:

1. Review working papers when circulated.
2. Plan to discuss access to court records of non-conviction at next workgroup meeting.