

Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission

Meeting Summary
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Zoom

Commissioners Present: Matt Claman (Alaska Senate); Lisa Purinton (Dept. of Public Safety designee); David Mannheimer (Ret. Judge, Court of Appeals); Renee McFarland (Public Defender Agency designee); William Montgomery (Bethel District Court Judge); John Skidmore (Dept. of Law); Brenda Stanfill (ANDVSA); Trevor Stephens (Ret. Judge, Ketchikan Superior Court); April Wilkerson (Department of Corrections); Steve Williams (Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority); Brian Wilson (Capt. Anchorage Police Department); John Yoakum (PDA/DOL designee).

Commissioners absent: Lt. Jean Achee (Sitka Police Department); Alex Cleghorn (Alaska Native Justice Center); Laura Russell (Department of Health); Sarah Vance (Alaska House of Representatives).

Other participant: Tammy Jerue, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

AJC Staff: Susie Dosik; Brian Brossmer; Teri Carns; Tiarra Blanco

Chair Claman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., and called the roll.

Approval of agenda

Mr. Skidmore moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and it was approved without objections.

Final review and approval of DAC Annual Report

Chair Claman reviewed the report with members and staff.

Recidivism: Mr. Brossmer said that staff met with Judge Mannheimer and agreed that the questions about definition of recidivism will be considered and addressed in next year's report.

Dept. of Law sex offenses report: Mr. Skidmore said that the report was updated. He noted that labels on the pie chart were switched; he worked with staff to correct that in the current version of the report.

Rural victims' perspectives: Ms. Carns offered new language provided by Alaska Native organizations to provide a more detailed perspective on victims in rural areas; members approved the language.

Time to disposition: Ms. Dosik said that several paragraphs were added on page 35 by the Dept. of Law giving the prosecutors' perspectives on reasons for delays in case processing. Members approved the language.

Competency: Ms. Dosik noted that the section had been edited; footnotes updated; and Table 9 numbers corrected. Mr. Williams said that the Trust provided new language related to the Crisis Now programs because those were not intended to directly address competency issues. Members approved the changes.

Restitution payments to State of Alaska: Ms. Purinton verified that the State of Alaska does not receive VCCB payments.

Therapeutic courts: Members approved language added by staff at members' requests to give more detail about the CRP and Veterans' Courts.

Crisis Now programs: Mr. Williams said that the Trust had re-written parts of the information about these programs to clarify their current status and roles within the criminal justice system. Members approved the changes.

Judge Stephens moved to approve the 2023 Annual Report of the Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and members approved it without objections.

Public Comment

Chair Claman opened the meeting to public comment at 12:15 p.m., and closed it at 12:30 p.m. There were no public comments.

Next meetings

Chair Claman reviewed meeting dates with members, and those present settled on the following schedule:

December 12, 2023

February 27, 2024

May 30, 2024

August 27, 2024

September 17, 2024

October 8, 2024

October 23, 2024

December 10, 11, or 12, 2024

Adjourn

Chair Claman adjourned the meeting with members' consent at 12:43 p.m.