



AGENDA

2023 Kansas Sentencing Commission Workshop

KDOC Large Conference Room, Jayhawk Walk

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 13, 2023

[Zoom Link](#)

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda & August 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair

9:05 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Bias in the Criminal Justice System

Honorable Karen Arnold-Burger, Chief Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Where Behavioral Health Meets the Criminal Justice System – Roundtable Discussion

Dr. Megan Davidson, Behavior Health Program Manager, The Council of State Governments
Audra Goldsmith, Behavior Health Senior Policy Analyst Stepping Up, The Council of State Governments

Laura Brake, Director of Crisis Services, Behavioral Health Services Commission, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services

Carolyn Coyne, Justice Involved Services Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services Commission, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – Senate Room of Jayhawk Tower

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

How Much is Enough – Exploring Drug Distribution Thresholds in Kansas

Cheryl Wah, Intelligence Group Supervisor, Drug Enforcement Administration, St. Louis Division

Timothy Hutchinson, Field Intelligence Manager, Drug Enforcement Administration, St. Louis Division

Tony Mattivi, Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation

John Grube, Director of Research, KSSC

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

KSSC Electronic Journal Entry Demonstration

McKenna Payne, Program Manager, Domo Inc.

John Grube, Director of Research, KSSC

Jason Lamprecht, Senior Research Analyst, KSSC

3:45 p.m. –5:00 p.m.

2024 Legislative Proposal Discussion

KSSC Commission Members

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair

K.S.A. 74-9101(b)(15) describes the Commission’s charge to make policy recommendations to the Executive and Legislative branches of Kansas government. It provides in pertinent part:

...When the commission's projections indicate that the inmate population will exceed available prison capacity within two years of the date of the projection, the commission shall identify and analyze the impact of specific options for (A) reducing the number of prison admissions; or (B) adjusting sentence lengths for specific groups of offenders. Options for reducing the number of prison admissions shall include, but not be limited to, possible modification of both sentencing grids to include presumptive intermediate dispositions for certain categories of offenders. Intermediate sanction dispositions shall include, but not be limited to: Intensive supervision; short-term jail sentences; halfway houses; community-based work release; electronic monitoring and house arrest; substance abuse treatment; and pre-revocation incarceration. Intermediate sanction options shall include, but not be limited to, mechanisms to explicitly target offenders that would otherwise be placed in prison. Analysis of each option shall include an assessment of such options impact on the overall size of the prison population, the effect on public safety and costs. In preparing the assessment, the commission shall review the experience of other states and shall review available research regarding the effectiveness of such option...