



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee

Sunday, July 11, 2021 | Tuesday, July 13, 2021

The Monument (Rushmore Plaza Civic Center) :: 444 N. Mount Rushmore Road :: Rapid City, South Dakota

Final Agenda

Rep. Shannon Roers Jones, North Dakota, and Sen. Robert Peters, Illinois, Co-Chairs
Sen. John McCollister, Nebraska, Vice Chair

July 11 | Committee Meeting

- 10 – 10:10 a.m.** **Introductions**
- 10:10 – 11 a.m.** **Presentation on North Dakota Juvenile Court Act and other regional and national juvenile justice reinvestments and reforms**
- Presenters:** Lisa Bjergaard, Director, North Dakota Division of Juvenile Services
Sara Jones, Executive Director, Great North Innocence Project
- 11 – 11:30 a.m.** **Legislative roundtable and discussion of committee business**

July 11 | Committee Lunch

- 12 – 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch for members of the seven MLC policy committees**

July 13 | Committee-Led Policy Session

- 3:45 – 5 p.m.** **Removing Structural Barriers to Employment**
- Hear about regional trends, as well as best practice goals and strategies that states can implement to reduce the negative impacts of employment-related collateral consequences of conviction. This session by the CSG Justice Center's economic mobility initiative will also describe the progress individual states have made towards removing these structural barriers.*
- Facilitator:** Sen. Matt Hansen, Nebraska
Presenters: Josh Gaines, Project Manager, Corrections & Reentry, CSG Justice Center
Adam Diersing, Research Associate, The Council of State Governments
Korey Johnson, Senior Policy Analyst, CSG Justice Center