



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Services Committee

Sunday, July 10 & Tuesday, July 12 | Hyatt Regency Witchia | Wichita, Kansas

Agenda

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

Sunday, July 10 | Committee Business Session & Roundtable

Eagle Ballroom D

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Update on CSG Justice Center Projects in Midwest**
For more than 15 years, The Council of State Governments Justice Center has helped policymakers nationwide advance public safety and strengthen communities. This session will look at the Justice Center’s recent activity in the Midwest, as well as provide an overview of emerging mental health strategies for justice-involved individuals.

Carl Reynolds, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, CSG Justice Center
- 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.** **Roundtable Discussion of CJPS-Related Issues and Legislation in Midwestern States and Provinces**
- 11:30 p.m.** **Adjourn**

Tuesday, July 12 | Co-Hosted Committee-Sponsored Policy Session

Birch Room | Century II

- 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Mental Health Courts as an Alternative to Incarceration**
In a session co-sponsored with the MLC’s Health & Human Services Committee and moderated by CJPS Vice Chair Sen. John McCollister, we will examine the use of mental health courts as a method of diverting people with mental illnesses from the corrections system to, instead, connecting them with the services and supports they need for treatment.

Flor Alvarado, Mental Health Court Clinician, Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program, Kansas
Wenhan “Chris” Cheok, Mental Health Programmer, Sedgwick County COMCARE, Kansas
Megan Quattlebaum, Director, CSG Justice Center
Kimberly Nelson, Regional Administrator, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska)
The Honorable Evelyn Stratton, Former Justice, Ohio Supreme Court