Criminal Justice & Public Safety Services Committee
Sunday, July 10 & Tuesday, July 12 | Hyatt Regency Wichita | Wichita, Kansas

Agenda

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 Alvorado, 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