

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC ON STATEWIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE

Minutes of the Meeting
November 1, 2017
1:00 p.m., House Hearing Room 1

Members Present:

Senator Nancy Barto
Senator Karen Fann
Rick Bohan
Jeff Hood
James Jayne
Jerry Landau

Representative Heather Carter
Representative Tony Navarrete
Ann OBrien
Julie Read
Charles Ryan
Craig Sullivan

Members Excused:

Senator Lupe Contreras
Lisa Atkins

Representative John M. Allen

Staff:

Katy Proctor, House Research Staff
Amber Witter, Senate Research Staff

Representative Carter called the meeting to order at 1:07 a.m. and attendance was noted.

Representative Carter stated that a quorum was present and explained the order of the presentations and how members can schedule a tour of the Maricopa County Juvenile Detention Center.

PRESENTATIONS

Juvenile Detention and Custody in Maricopa County - Sheriff Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sherriff's Office

Ben Henry, Chief Deputy, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, gave a brief overview of juvenile detention in the county jail and introduced Deputy Chief Brian Lee.

Brian Lee, Deputy Chief of Custody Bureau, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Impact November 1, 2017" (Attachment A). Deputy Chief Lee explained the different categories of juvenile offenders that are housed at the Maricopa County jails. Deputy Chief Lee explained the challenges of housing juvenile offenders in a facility with adult offenders while keeping the two separated and the educational programs provided for the juvenile offenders. Deputy Chief Lee answered questions posed by the Committee.

Juvenile Cases in Maricopa County

Elizabeth Beringhaus, Juvenile Division Chief, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled “ ” (Attachment B). Ms. Beringhaus explained the different facilities housing juvenile offenders and reasons for them being in adult facility. Ms. Beringhaus explained the need for accountability, programs available for juvenile offenders and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Juvenile Detention, Detention Alternatives and Services

Joseph Kelroy, Juvenile Justice Services Division Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Juvenile Justice” (Attachment C). Mr. Kelroy explained diversion programs and juvenile justice initiatives that are currently being used to limit detention and rehabilitate juvenile offenders. Mr. Kelroy spoke regarding funding for juvenile programs and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Carter made statements regarding discussing each county as a unit and comparing them using Maricopa County as a sample.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Patricia Borden and Jerry Borden, Arizonans for Rational Sex Offender Laws, testified regarding sentencing and case reviews for teen offenders.

Mary McIntosh, representing herself, testified regarding evaluators and assessments for juvenile sex offenders.

Mr. Kelroy answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Representative Carter spoke regarding two more meetings, what they will address and when they might happen.

Attached are the forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment D).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Ponce
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)