

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 09, 2018

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman McDonald, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Kerby, Cheatham, Amador, DeMordaunt, Moon, Syme, Ehardt, Kloc (Chilcote), McCrostie, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Boyle, Moon

GUESTS: Sharon Harrigfeld, Cindy Orr, Benjamin Stoddard, Debbie Sieger, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections; Melinda Merrill, Idaho Bail Coalition; Christina Weison, Lisa Bostaph, Idaho Criminal Justice Commission; Mike Keckler, Idaho State Board of Education; Eric Fredericksen, Students Against Drunk Driving; Steve Rayborn, Amy Lorenzo, Idaho Career Technical Education

Chairman VanOrden called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Sharon Harrigfeld introduced **Cindy Orr**, the new Education Program Director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Dr. Orr gave a presentation which summarized the accomplishments of students in the program from FY18. She said the implementation of the Teacher Career Ladder has improved the morale of the teachers and forced teachers to look at student test results to inform instruction and interventions.

Dr. Orr also described the new programs for FY18. These include the St. Anthony's Canteen, which provides work-based learning, high school credits and certificates for work-based learning competencies. The St. Anthony's Canteen assists students with acquiring employment once they are released from custody. Another new program is the greenhouses at Lewiston and St. Anthony. The students and CTE Teacher built the greenhouses, and they will provide a source of food for the Canteen and local shelters, and provide flowers for county courthouses and grave sites. The greenhouses provide the potential for master gardener certification, through the University of Idaho, and skill tracking in partnership with Career Technical Education. A third new program is the Nampa Work-based Learning Program, in partnership with the Department of Labor. Students receive an education and leave the program with employment. A fourth new program is one which gives students the opportunity to certify in Microsoft Applications. A student in St. Anthony was selected as the state champion for Powerpoint.

Dr. Orr described the agency's future goals. These include working with the State Department of Education to develop a Mastery Personalized Learning Plan, adding student behavior to teacher evaluations, and moving from workplace certifications to CTE Certifications. They are working with Career Technical Education to accomplish the last goal, and they will start with the Nampa Location. In response to questions from the committee, Dr. Orr said the students do not have access to Advanced Opportunities Funds, because they fall under the Department of Juvenile Corrections, not the State Department of Education. However, if students enroll in post-secondary school after they are released, the Department of Juvenile Corrections pays for the credits out of Title I-D Funds, said Dr. Orr. Lewiston is only two laptops away from a one-to-one ratio, said Dr. Orr. Nampa is twenty laptops away from a one-to-one ratio, and St. Anthony has a two-to-one ratio, with two students per computer. By moving to a mastery model, hopefully students can

move much more quickly through curriculum, she added. The program is using Haiku Learning from Powerschool for its mastery software.

Sharon Harrigfeld, Commissioner of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, gave a report on the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission. She said the vision of the Commission is to collaborate for a safer Idaho. It is a diverse, high-powered group, representing the executive, judicial and legislative branches of state government, counties, cities and other stakeholders. The goals of the Commission are the following:

1. Reduce victimization and recidivism in the state of Idaho
2. Advance delivery of justice through effective interventions which are cost effective and based on best practices
3. Promote well-informed policy decisions

Ms. Harrigfeld listed the subcommittee work topics, which are pre-trial justice, mental health and substance abuse, research alliance, human trafficking, grant review council, and criminal law review. A constitutional amendment is being proposed which addresses pre-trial justice recommendations, she added. In response to questions from the committee, Ms. Harrigfeld said they should have enough data in two to three years to evaluate the effectiveness as a whole. A print hearing on the constitutional amendment will be held this afternoon, she added.

Lisa Bostaph, Idaho Grant Review Council, said the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Subcommittee is focusing on crisis intervention training for police and on the response to the opioid epidemic. She spoke about the Department of Health and Welfare Services by district and said the Department would have more data on substance abuse and mental health clients in the future. Ms. Bostaph said the Council was gathering data from various agencies on victimization and victim services, because it does not appear in one document, and would be preparing a proposal to address the needs surrounding data on victimization. She said that, because there is no standardized way agencies report on victimization, a systemic way to analyze the data needs to be created.

Eric Fredericksen, State Appellate Public Defender, spoke about the Human Trafficking Subcommittee. He said Idaho received a score of "C" on its statutes related to human trafficking, with the lowest score being for how the crime victims are treated. The agency is doing a criminal law review of statutes now. In response to questions from the committee, Mr. Fredericksen said there was no change in the numbers since the last time the report was run. The ages at risk are middle school and older, he said, and the agency is working with the State Department of Education to offer education in schools about online dangers. The Human Trafficking Committee is working on determining the magnitude of human trafficking he said. Because the charge is usually an enhancement to another charge, the investigation involves digging deeper to discover the magnitude of the problem

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Representative VanOrden
Chair

Jenifer Cavaness-Williams
Secretary