

THE COLLABORATIVE ON REENTRY
25% by 2025:
What Illinois Can Do Today to Reform Its Criminal Justice System

October 27, 2015
Union League Club of Chicago
Crystal Room
65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604

7:30-8:00am **Registration / Continental Breakfast**

8:00-8:10am **Welcome and Introductions**

Speakers: Esther Franco Payne, Deputy Director, Illinois Justice Project
Robert Kreisman, Chairman, Administration of Justice Subcommittee, Union League Club of Chicago

8:10-8:30am **How is MacArthur Foundation Addressing the Issue of Mass Incarceration and Why has the Foundation Selected This as a “Big Bet”?**

Speaker: Julia Stasch, President, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

8:30-9:00am **How Have Other Jurisdictions Addressed Justice Reform and What Have Proven To Be Effective Strategies?**

Speaker: Adam Gelb, Director of Public Safety Performance Project, Pew Charitable Trusts

9:00-9:15am **What Are the Challenges Facing the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform and What Role Can the Collaborative Play in Meeting Them?**

Speaker: Rodger Heaton, Chair of the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform, Office of the Governor of Illinois

The work of the Commission and the Collaborative is not simply about reducing incarceration; it must be about responding to the impact of crime and de-incarceration on victims. While right-sizing its justice system, Illinois must reduce victimization of those who experience crime, the families and communities that bear the burden of the violence and those who become victimized by the collateral consequences of having committed a crime and having served time.

9:15-11:30am **POLICY AND PRACTICE OPTIONS IN ILLINOIS: STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS: Reducing the Prison Populations and Improving Public Safety Outcomes –** These panel discussions will focus on how to maintain public safety while reducing incarceration, with attention to how to determine the risk of future violence by offenders.

Panel 1: Appropriate and Effective Use of Resources for Justice Involved People in the Community: Risk Assessment, Parole / Probation Practices (9:15-9:45am)

In order to use public safety resources efficiently and effectively, offenders must be assessed and resources used in the community to focus on those most likely to pose a risk to public safety through violent behavior. How can Illinois best do this?

Moderator: Ethel Muhammad, Chief Operating Officer, Safer Foundation

- *Speaker 1:* Megan Alderden, Associate Director of Research and Analysis, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- *Speaker 2:* Craig Findley, Chair, Illinois Prisoner Review Board

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Redirecting Resources from Incarceration to Community

9:45-10:00am **BREAK**

Panel 2: What Is the Purpose of Long Sentences and Do They Achieve That Purpose? (10:00-10:30am)

Growth in the Illinois prison population is in part a result of longer sentences for many crimes as well as the imposition of expanded requirements to serve a greater percentage of that sentence. How do Illinois sentences and time served compare to other states? What do data indicate about the impact of long sentences on crime and public safety?

Moderator: Representative Kelly Cassidy, 14th District

- ***Speaker 1:*** Howard Peters, Former DOC Director and Commission Member
- ***Speaker 2:*** Don Stemen, Loyola University

Panel 3: Re-thinking Sentencing in Illinois (10:30-11:15am)

Diversion in Illinois is hampered by laws that do not permit state's attorneys and judges to exercise discretion by placing people who are not a risk to public safety on probation. Which crimes now non-probationable might benefit from affording discretion on a case-by-case basis?

Some sentences are substantially lengthened by added enhancements. What do the data show about the impact on the size of prison population due to sentence enhancements on certain crimes and how do the enhancements relate to violence?

Moderator: Beth Johnson, Director of Legal Programs, Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Speaker 1: Representative Scott Drury, 58th District

Speaker 2: Brendan Kelly, State's Attorney, St. Clair County

Speaker 3: Randolph Stone, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Chicago – Criminal & Juvenile Justice Project Clinic

11:15-12:15pm **Reform and the Role of Community and Systems' Stakeholders – What do we need to do to reduce incarceration in Illinois?**

- How can the leaders of government agencies and community entities help reduce incarceration?

Moderator: John Maki, Director, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Speakers:

- IDOC Director John Baldwin – Successful in-prison programming and earned credits/release decisions
- Kathryn Bocanegra, Violence Prevention Director, Enlace Chicago – Community engagement in preserving public safety
- Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli – Cook County Model Bond Court
- Senator Karen McConnaughay, 33rd District, former Chair Kane County Board – Community Corrections

12:15pm **ADJOURN**