

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND JUDICIARY

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 2023 Interim

September 20, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 4th meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary was held on September 20, 2023, at 9:00 AM in Room 149 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer Co-Chair; Representative Patrick Flannery Co-Chair; Senators and John Schickel; Representatives Jennifer Decker, Nima Kulkarni, and Scott Sharp.

Guests: Van Ingram, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy; TK Logan, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Behavioral Science and Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, University of Kentucky

LRC Staff: Zachary Ireland, Perry Papka, and Benjamin Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Flannery moved to approve the minutes from the July 19 and August 2, 2023 meetings of the subcommittee. Senator Schickel seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

Overview and Performance Reviews of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs - Justice & Public Safety Cabinet

Mr. Ingram and Ms. Logan provided an overview of substance abuse treatment programs in the commonwealth.

In response to questions from Representative Flannery, Ms. Logan noted that the University of Kentucky Center on Drugs and Alcohol receives funding from a multitude of sources but her research has not been funded with private monies.

In response to questions from Representative Kulkarni, Ms. Logan noted that forty to fifty percent of program participants return to drug use after completing the program. Mr. Ingram noted that staff are training with the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities to provide more support to those with developmental and intellectual disabilities who also have substance abuse disorder.

In response to a question from Chair Funke Frommeyer, Mr. Ingram noted that he was unaware of any system that ranks substance use disorder programs numerically.

In response to a question from Representative Sharp, Mr. Ingram noted that Too Good For Drugs and Sources of Strength are both evidence based programs aimed at preventing substance abuse in school aged individuals.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.