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**Cost-Effective Justice
New Directions for Prisoner Rehabilitation and Re-entry**

Anchorage Public Library, Z.J. Loussac Branch - Assembly Chambers
3600 Denali Street
Saturday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Welcome: Alaska Common Ground - Peg Tileston
Partners for Progress - Janet McCabe
Chaplain, Hiland Mountain Correctional Center - Frank Blodgett

Ground Rules and Guidelines: Moderator, Rick Mystrom

9:15 a.m. Linda Mills:
What Is Driving State Corrections Reform Nationwide

Department of Corrections Commissioner Joseph Schmidt
Charge to the Forum: What's At Stake for Alaska

9:45 a.m. **Trends Affecting Incarceration in Alaska**
1. The People by the Numbers – Linda Mills, Consultant to Re-entry Task Force
2. Recidivism and Public Costs – Teri Carns, Alaska Judicial Council
3. Human Costs: Impacts on Family and Community – Georgianna Lincoln

Audience Questions

10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. **Problems that Underlie Criminal Behavior**
1. Mental Illness – Judge Rhoades, Mental Health Court
2. Addiction, Alcohol – Jeff Jessee, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3. Addiction, Narcotics – Dr. Paula Colescott
4. Poverty – Melissa Abrami, Nine Star Enterprises, Inc.
5. Criminal Thinking Errors – Judge William Morse, Anchorage Wellness Court

Audience Questions

- 11:45 a.m. Introduction of successful re-entrants and Wellness Court graduates who will join the luncheon tables in the lobby – Judge Jim Wanamaker (retired)
- Presentation of the Partners for Progress Award for Leadership in Therapeutic Justice

BOX LUNCH IN THE LOBBY

- 1:00 p.m. **New Directions**
Texas Representative Jerry Madden
Prison Reform in Texas: The Wisdom of Practicality
- Judge Roger K. Warren (retired), President Emeritus National Center for State Courts
Evidence-Based Sentencing Policies to Reduce Crime and Control Costs
- Discussion between guest speakers and Alaska Criminal Justice System leaders facilitated by Thomas MacLellan, National Governors Association
1. Chief Justice, Walter Carpeneti
 2. Richard Svobodny, Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Division
 3. Public Defender, Quinlan Steiner
 4. Department of Corrections Commissioner, Joseph Schmidt
 5. Senator Johnny Ellis
 6. Senator Fred Dyson
 7. Representative Mike Chenault, Speaker of the Alaska State House
- 2:30 p.m. BREAK
- 2:45 p.m. **Toward Cost-Effective Justice in Alaska**
1. Preparing for Re-entry in Prison – Bryan Brandenburg, Dept. of Corrections
 2. Motivating Life Without Crime – Denise Morris, Alaska Native Justice Center
 3. The Alaska Prisoner Re-entry Task Force – Carmen Gutierrez, Dept. of Corrections
 4. The Victims' Perspective – Nancy Haag, Executive Director STAR
- Audience Comments and Questions**
- 4:00 p.m. Linda Mills and Thomas MacLellan - Seminar Summation: Next Steps for Alaska
- Opportunity for Comments by Legislators
- Closing remarks – Peg Tileston and Janet McCabe
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn