

EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

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If you have questions, or would like to be sent copies of meeting backup, please contact Jackie Berg at (775) 237-7211; jberg@eurekacountynv.gov; or Eureka County Commissioners, PO Box 694, Eureka, Nevada 89316.

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**Re: *Member Appointment for the newly created Nevada Local Justice
Reinvestment Coordinating Council***

Dear Eureka County Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy (NDSP), I am pleased to introduce our agency to you. We are a new Nevada State agency that was created in 2019 by the enactment of Assembly Bill 80 (2019) (AB 80) to assist the Nevada Sentencing Commission in developing data-driven policy recommendations concerning sentencing and corrections in Nevada and in tracking and assessing the outcomes resulting from the enactment of Assembly Bill 236 (2019) (AB 236). As you may know, AB 236 was part of a justice reinvestment initiative intended to address Nevada's growing prison population and the expense of that growth to Nevada's taxpayers by data-driven policy recommendations intended to:

- Strengthen responses to behavioral health needs of offenders
- Focus prison resources on serious and violent offenders
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of community supervision
- Minimize barriers to successful reentry
- Ensure sustainability of criminal justice reforms

To help meet those goals, AB 236 created the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCC), which will advise and assist the Sentencing Commission in meeting its purpose by, among other things, providing input on and recommendations regarding various criminal justice issues and matters that are important at the local level, as specifically stated in NRS 176.014(3). The NLJRCC, which our agency will be supporting, will be comprised

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of representatives from each county in Nevada (one member from each county with a population of less than 100,000, and two members each from Clark County and Washoe County). Each member of the NLJRCC **is appointed by the county's governing body** for a two-year term. NRS 176.014(2). Once the NLJRCC members have been appointed, the Chair of the Sentencing Commission (currently, Justice Hardesty) will appoint the Chair of the NLJRCC.

Pursuant to NRS 176.014(1)(a), the Eureka County Board of Commissioners is required to appoint one (1) member to the NLJRCC. While the statute creating the NLJRCC does not currently specify the qualifications of those to be appointed as its members, the Sentencing Commission has indicated that the NLJRCC should be comprised of stakeholders from the criminal justice system and mental health and treatment communities.

Because the NLJRCC is legislatively mandated, and in this agency's efforts to support the NLJRCC, we are requesting that each Nevada Board of County Commissioners appoint its member(s) **prior to July 1, 2021**, so that Justice Hardesty can appoint the NLJRCC's chair in August 2021, and the NLJRCC can have its first meeting in September 2021. If it would be helpful to this Board of Commissioners, we can be available to provide public comment or information at one of your upcoming Board meetings to facilitate your appointment of the NLJRCC representative from Eureka County.

At your earliest convenience, please advise as to when the Eureka County Board of Commissioners will be able to consider its selection for the NLJRCC, and how our agency can support you in that effort.

We look forward to working with and hearing from you.

Kind regards,



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Attachment: NRS 176.014 (emphasis added)

