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# EXHIBIT C

## MINUTES LEGISLATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE MEETING

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

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The Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force met at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2016, in the Multi-Complex Building (MAC Room B) in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Committee members present: Representative Matthew Shepherd, Co-Chair; and Representative Dwight Tosh; Judge Gary Arnold, Mr. Drew Baker, Judge Cristi Beaumont, Mr. Kenton Buckner, Ms. Tjuana Byrd, Mr. Ken Casady, Mr. John Felts, Mr. John Wesley Hall, Mr. Tim Helder, Ms. Wendy Kelley, Mr. Benny Magness, Mr. Steve Newsome, Ms. Sheila Sharp, and Judge David Talley.

Representative Shepherd called the meeting to order.

### Action/Requests

#### **Approval of the Minutes (Exhibit C)**

Without objection, the Minutes from the November 30, 2015, meeting of the Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force were approved.

#### **Presentation by the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police (AACP) to include an Update on Warrantless Search Policies**

**Mr. Mike Davis, Chief, North Little Rock Police Department, Vice Chair, Legislative Committee, AACP**, gave a brief update on warrantless search policies. He stated this is an ongoing process for AACP, noting that the Arkansas Community Corrections and Sheriffs Association has provided assistance. AACP has developed a model policy relating to search policies and other associations are being encouraged to develop similar policies. Currently there are no issues with the model policy.

#### **Second Presentation: Justice Reinvestment in Arkansas (Handout 1)**

**Mr. Andy Barbee, Research Manager, The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center**, presented a second report on *Justice Reinvestment in Arkansas* (see Handout 1 for full report). He discussed pertinent issues related to crime and sentencing. Notably, Arkansas is one of 20 states with sentencing guidelines and has the fastest growing prison population in the country yet crime rates are declining.

Mr. Barbee expressed that he would like to revisit Arkansas in March to answer questions and facilitate a conversation with the task force regarding the sentencing analysis implications. He noted that more time will be needed to collect data for the analysis of prisons, probation, parole data, and local jail pressures. CSG will report its findings to the task force at a future meeting.

**Paul Chapman, Director, Restore Hope**, was recognized and spoke about the Governor's Restore Hope Summit that was created last August to encourage faith-based communities to deal with the problems associated with recidivism, such as child wellness in foster care and helping departing inmates re-enter society.

**The next Task Force meeting will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.