

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE) Administrative Order
ON THE UTILIZATION OF JUVENILE) No. 2017 - 30
DETENTION CENTERS AND THE)
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS)
_____)

For the past decade, juvenile courts have made efforts to reduce the number of children detained. These efforts, in part, have resulted in unprecedented decreases in Arizona’s juvenile detention population. As the number of juveniles detained decreased, the costs to counties responsible for funding detention facilities has remained substantially unchanged. This has caused the closing of one and the pending closure of a second county’s detention center as county boards of supervisors address other budget demands.

While fewer juvenile detention beds are needed, juvenile courts in each county, nonetheless, continue to require detention beds that are safe, secure, and reasonably accessible to the parents and families of the children detained and juvenile court staff responsible for transportation and supervision.

A task force is needed to develop recommendations on how best to utilize current detention center space including establishing regional facilities, repurposing current detention space, and any other options that achieve the overall goals of providing safe, secure, and reasonably accessible detention facilities.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Task Force on Utilization of Juvenile Detention Centers is established as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Task Force shall review and, as appropriate, develop recommendations on:
 - a. Current detention space utilization and costs;
 - b. Viability of regional detention centers;
 - c. Options for repurposing unused detention center space; and
 - d. Any other options that achieve the goals of providing safe, secure, and reasonably accessible detention facilities for detained children.

2. **Membership.** The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Task Force beginning upon entry of this Order, and ending December 31, 2017. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.

- 3. Meetings.** Task Force meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings.
- 4. Staff.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Task Force and shall assist the Task Force in developing recommendations and preparing any necessary reports and petitions.
- 5. Reports.** A report and recommendations shall be submitted to the Arizona Judicial Council for its review and approval by September 30, 2017.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2017.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Task Force on Detention Center Regionalization and Repurposing

Membership

Joe Kelroy, Chair
Director, Juvenile Justice Services Division
Administrative Office of the Courts

Terry Cooper
County Manager
Graham County

Ed Gilligan
County Manager
Cochise County

Josh Halversen
Chief Probation Officer
Graham County

Jolene Hefner
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Yuma County

David Redpath
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Kevin Kluge
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Hon. Michael Latham
Presiding Superior Court Judge
Apache County

Steve Lessard
Chief Probation Officer
Gila County

Scott Mabery
Juvenile Court Director
Yavapai County

Bryon Matsuda
Juvenile Court Director
Coconino County

Hon. Colleen McNally
Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
Maricopa County

Eric Meaux
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Christine Phillis
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Association

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Juvenile Court Director
Pima County

Denise Smith
Juvenile Court Director
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County Board of Supervisors Association

Todd Zweig
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Pinal County

Tim Hardy
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