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**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Meeting.** The Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) met May 17, 2017, in the Legislative Dining Room in the Iowa State Capitol.

**Cocaine Research.** The Board reviewed a draft of a report by the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) Division on cocaine penalties by state. The Board will provide comments on the report at the next meeting. The Board also discussed the recent legislative changes related to crack/powder cocaine penalties enacted in [Senate File 445](#) (Law Enforcement Privilege). The Board plans to continue monitoring the issue to determine if the Board should recommend further changes.

**ACTV Domestic Abuse Program.** Lettie Prell from the Department of Corrections (DOC) presented on the Achieving Change Through Values-Based Behavior (ACTV) Program for domestic violence in Iowa. The ACTV Program is part of an effort by the DOC to improve offender outcomes. The Program is a partnership between the University of Iowa and the DOC.

**Opioid Abuse in Iowa.** Dale Woolery from the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) presented on the issue of increasing opioid abuse in Iowa. Woolery discussed the most commonly abused opioids and how they are obtained. There are several preventative programs already in place, including the Iowa Take-Back Initiative for drug disposal and the Prescription Monitoring Program.

**Issues for Next Meeting.** The Board discussed several issues for the next meeting:

- Possible study of public safety benefits from the current mandatory six-month driver's license suspension requirement for drug offenses under Iowa Code chapter [124](#).
- Review of Native American incarceration rates.
- Review of expungement procedures in other states for the purpose of the restoration of rights.
- Review of driver's license suspensions for non-driving-related offenses to start measuring the costs and effects of this system.

**Next Meeting.** The Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at a location to be determined.

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