First Stop: Jail or Treatment?

Tuesday, Aug. 8 | 3:45-- 5 p.m.

Session Description: Our jails are frequently the first stop for individuals suffering from mental health and substance abuse problems. Deflecting these people from arrest and prosecution to treatment and services in the community is an emerging "public health" approach. Explore ways the states are detouring people away from jail.

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Representative Eric Hutchings has served House District 38 since his initial appointment by Governor Mark Leavitt in August 2001. Hutchings is a member of the following committees: Education Interim Committee, Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, House Education Committee, House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee, Joint Education Committee, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee, Prison Development Commission, Prison Relocation Commission, Rural Development Legislative Liaison Committee, and the Utah International Relations and Trade Commission. He is a Vice Chair of the NCSL Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. Hutchings lives in Kearns, Utah, and is the founder and CEO of Regeneris Group Renewable Energy. He received his bachelor’s degree in Asian studies from Brigham Young University.

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Senator Whitney Westerfield represents the 3rd District including Christian, Logan and Todd counties. Westerfield is the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and also serves as a member on the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee; the Agriculture Committee; the Capital Planning Advisory Board; the Natural Resources and Energy Committee; the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee; the Program Review and Investigations Committee; the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary; and serves as Co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council. Whitney is a lifelong resident of Hopkinsville, in Christian County, Kentucky, and presently is an attorney with the Fletcher Law Firm in Hopkinsville after serving over five years as an assistant commonwealth’s attorney. Now in private practice, Westerfield serves clients all over Western Kentucky. Westerfield has long been an active member of his community, having served on the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, as a member of the Kiwanis Club and former member of the Kiwanis Board of Directors. He has served on the Hopkinsville American Red Cross Advisory Committee, the board for the United Way of the Pennyrile, and as United Way Board Chair in 2012. Currently, Whitney serves on the board for Alpha Alternative, a crisis pregnancy care center in Hopkinsville, and for the Kentucky Association of Child Advocacy Centers, which provides technical assistance to the Commonwealth’s 15 CACs as they serve Kentucky’s most vulnerable. Westerfield received his bachelor’s degree in communication, with university and departmental honors, at the University of Kentucky in 2003. Westerfield received his juris doctor in the spring of 2006 from Southern Illinois University School of Law, and has been an active member of the Kentucky Bar since October 2006 and the Tennessee Bar since 2012.

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Jac Charlier is the National Director for Justice Initiatives for the Center for Health and Justice (CHJ) at TASC. He specializes in solutions to reduce crime and drug use by successfully bridging the criminal justice and behavioral health systems, including an emphasis on opioid and
overdose response strategies. Charlier is a nationally recognized expert in deflection (pre-arrest police diversion) and is the co-founder of the Police, Treatment and Community (PTAC) Collaborative. The mission of PTAC is to strategically widen community behavioral health and social service options available through law enforcement diversion. Charlier led the development of CHJ’s latest work on deflection: “Law Enforcement Deflection Frameworks: A Decision Making Tool for Police Leaders” (CHJ, 2017). Charlier served as deputy chief in the Illinois Parole Division. He earned his master’s degree in public policy from The Ohio State University. Charlier is a father of three mostly great kids, military veteran, recipient of the Outstanding Eagle Scout Medal and played rugby for far too long.

**Sergeant Detective Edward Garvey**

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Sergeant Detective Edward J. Garvey is a 26-year veteran of the Boston Police Department. He was appointed to the BPD in 1991. As a police officer, he was assigned to the Anti-Crime Unit in the Roxbury section of the city.

In 1994, Garvey was detailed to the BPD’s Drug Control Unit where, for the next 13 years, he would conduct narcotic investigations resulting in the arrests of thousands of individuals who had violated various drug laws under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 94C. As a result, Garvey was judicially recognized as a law enforcement expert in the area of street level drug investigations and allowed to offer his opinion in various courts within Suffolk County.

Garvey was rated detective in 2007 and reassigned to the Mattapan section of Boston where, under the Bureau of Investigations, he was assigned to investigate various crimes.

In 2010, Garvey was reassigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Organized Crime Division where, as a task force officer, he would work for the next 22 months on investigations authorized by the Federal Wiretap Act, also referred to as Title 111.

Garvey returned to the BPD’s DCU in 2013 and continued narcotic related investigations until his promotion to Sergeant in 2014.

In 2015, Garvey returned to the DCU as the supervisor of a newly formed drug squad tasked with combatting the opioid epidemic. Composed of himself, along with two detectives and four police officers, the squad investigates heroin/fentanyl related overdoses. He works closely with district detectives, the Homicide Unit and the District Attorney’s office.

Garvey earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and has received certificates from the Federal Bureau of Investigation-Undercover Officer Survival, Drug Enforcement Administration-Narcotic Investigations and the Massachusetts Criminal Training Council-Criminal Investigations.

Garvey has more than 22 years of investigative experience.

He is a recipient of the Boston Police Department’s Medal of Honor and the Massachusetts State Police Trooper George L. Hanna Award.

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Lieutenant Detective Brian J. Larkin is a 28-year veteran of the Boston Police Department. He was appointed to the BPD in 1989. As a police officer, he was assigned District 4 in the South End and worked in patrol as well as the Anti-Crime Unit.

Larkin was rated a detective in June 1996 and assigned to Area B-2 in Roxbury handling general investigations. In 1997 he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Area A-7 in East Boston as a patrol supervisor. In 2005 he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Area B-3 in Mattapan as a shift commander. In October 2007 Larkin was assigned as the detective commander of Area B-3 overseeing all investigations.

In 2014 Larkin was named the commander of the Drug Control Unit, where he is currently assigned. In this position, he oversees 100 sergeant detectives, detectives and police officers working in 12 districts throughout the City of Boston and in federal task forces with the DEA, FBI and HSI.

Larkin received his master’s degree in criminal justice from Curry College, bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Stonehill College and a certificate in public safety leadership and management from Suffolk University. He attended the Police Executive Research Forum—Senior Management Institute for Police in 2010. He also completed the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Associations Executive Leadership Institute in 2017.