National Criminal Justice Association Public Policy Summit Agenda

May 1, 2023, on Zoom
11:00 am - 5:15 pm (All times Eastern)

Welcome

11:00 Remarks by Vanita Gupta, Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Associate Attorney General Gupta will discuss Biden Administration policies, priorities and challenges two years into President Biden’s term and opportunities for the Department of Justice to support state and local justice system improvement.

11:15 Priorities and Partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance

- Karhlton Moore, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice

Director Moore will discuss what BJA is doing to advance the goals outlined by Associate Attorney General Gupta, including the highlighting of promising practices and focus of federal grant programs. Moore will reflect on his engagement with justice system partners across the country to describe trends and the possibilities and challenges for sustained reform.

12:00 Crisis Response and 988 Implementation in the Federal Agencies and on Capitol Hill

- Tiffany Russell, Chief Officer, Crisis, and Justice Partnerships, 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Cornelia Sigworth, Associate Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
- Shannon Scully, Director, Justice Policy & Initiatives, Government Relations, Policy & Advocacy, National Alliance of Mental Illness
- John Snook, Chief Policy Officer, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

This panel will be an engaging and informative survey of the work being done by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and HHS’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and by the mental health support and advocacy community to successfully implement the new 988 dialing code and to nurture the collaboration needed between the justice and behavioral health systems to meet the needs of justice-involved individuals with mental health challenges.

Short break
1:15  **What’s Really Happening with Crime: What’s Up, What’s Down and What are the Trends?**

- Alexis Piquero, Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

  Director Piquero will help to make sense of the often-contradictory reports on trends in categories of crime and in different regions of the country. He will detangle the media narrative from what the data show.

  **Short break**

2:00  **View from Capitol Hill**

- Ryan Raybould, Chief Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee for Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
- Alexander Chanock, Legislative Council, Office of Rep. David Trone (D-MD)
- David Jimenez, Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Prison Fellowship
- Jason Olin, Director of Government Affairs, Major Cities Chiefs Association

  A staple of the Policy Summit, this panel will bring together senior staff from the House and Senate and voices from across the spectrum of the advocacy community to discuss the challenges and opportunities in the year ahead in Congress.

  **Short break**

3:00  **Fentanyl, Trafficking and Treatment: A Focus on Issues in Federal Drug Policy**

- Eric Talbot, Assistant Director, Office of International Relations and Supply Reduction, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Beth Connolly, Assistant Director, Office of Public Health, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

  The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy directs and coordinates policy across all federal agencies on drug control, prevention and treatment. Senior officials will speak about the rise in supply and overdose deaths from fentanyl, international efforts to reduce the trafficking in illegal substances, prevention, treatment and overall ONDCP priorities and actions.

  **Short break**

4:00  **U.S. Government Support for Justice Reform Overseas**

- Rob Bowman, Regional Director, Africa, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance & Training, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice

  The federal government is engaged in fostering fair and equitable justice system practices in developing countries around the world. This interesting panel will talk about that work and the lessons learned we can learn from each other.
4:30  **Issues in Law Enforcement Alternative Response**

- **Joseph Cortez, Ph.D.**, Faculty Member, University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy and Bovard College
- **Darrell Lowe**, Chief, Redmond, WA Police Department
- **Scott Donaldson**, Director and Chief Administrator, Collin College Law Enforcement Academy

*How law enforcement agencies deploy the right resources to the range of calls for service is a challenge at a time when both staffing and morale are low. Local law enforcement agencies around the country are testing models and researchers are offering insights into best practices. This session will discuss current issues in law enforcement training and response with the potential to improve community relations and ease officer workloads.*

5:15  **Adjourn**