

I. Welcome and Introductions

Peggy A. Montes, Chairperson, Commission on Women's Issues

II. Hon. Toni Preckwinkle, President

Cook County Board of Commissioner

III. Introduction of First Speaker

Peggy A. Montes

IV. Speakers

9:15 Sharon McDaniel, Program Specialist, Chicago Women's AIDS Project
My Journey after the Cycle

9:25 Christine Devitt Westley, Manager, Data Clearinghouse and Analysis Center, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Before Incarceration: Lifetime Victimization and Trauma Among Female Prisoners

9:35 Darlene C. Williams, Chief-Markham, Assistant Public Defender, Law Office of the Public Defender
It's Just Another Case

9:45 Judge Rosemary Grant Higgins, Circuit Court of Cook County
WINGS Court
Felony Prostitution Court: WINGS/Feather

9:55 Questions & Answers

10:05 Jan Russell JD, Director, Violence Against Women Policy Project, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs
Battered Women in the Criminal Justice System

10:15 Gayle Nelson, Executive Director, Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
Building a More Efficient and Effective Criminal Justice System

10:25 Caron Jacobson, University Lecturer, Criminal Justice Department, Governors State University
Focusing on the Harm Done Rather than the Rule Broken: How Incarceration Could Reduce Recidivism

10:35 Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cook County
Making the Most of a Second Chance in Life

10:45 Questions & Answers

10:55 Gipsy Escobar, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Loyola University Chicago **and** **David E. Olson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Graduate Program Director Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Loyola University Chicago
A Profile of Women Released Into Cook County Communities from Jail and Prison

11:05 Rebecca Janowitz, Special Assistant for Legal Affairs, Justice Advisory Council
The Justice Advisory Council's Perspective on the Pretrial Detention of Women and Girls

11:15 Doreen D. Salina, PhD, Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Achieving Successful Community Re-entry: Unmet Needs, Barriers and Solutions

11:25 Colette Payne, CLAIM-Visible Voices Member
My 2-Cents; Grasping My Dignity and Self Worth

11:35 Questions & Answers



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Thursday, October 18, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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