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Supervisors Attend Workforce Arizona Council Leaders Event

On Thursday, Apache County Supervisor Doyel Shamley and Gila County Supervisor Tim Humphrey joined leaders from across the state and country for the Workforce Arizona Council (WAC) Leaders Convening Event.

The event served as a forum to learn from other states and local areas and support continuity and an exchange of ideas among workforce council members and staff from across Arizona. The event focused on the expanded roles within the Arizona workforce system and the WAC shared their vision on how to connect the jobseekers and employers to promote the growth of Arizona's economy.

Presentations covered a variety of issues including; working with elected officials and policy advocacy; strategic and high performing best practices; and the leadership engagement of state agencies and Governor Ducey's Office.



For more information on WAC, please [click here](#).

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Joint Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Meets on Juvenile Justice

This week, the [Joint Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee on Statewide Juvenile Justice](#) (Committee) met for the second time. County representatives on the Committee include Richard Bohan of Maricopa County, Jimmy Jayne of Coconino County, and Craig Sullivan of CSA.

During the meeting the members heard presentations on:

- Juvenile Detention and Custody in Maricopa County
- Juvenile Cases in Maricopa
- Juvenile Detention, Detention Alternatives and Services



Legislators appointed to the Committee include, House Majority Leader John Allen, and Representatives Heather Carter and Tony Navarrete, as well as Senators Karen Fann, Nancy Barto, and Lupe Contreras. The remaining members include Commissioner Lisa Atkins of the Arizona State Land Department, Jerry Landau of the Arizona Supreme Court, Director Jeff Hood of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, Director Charles Ryan of the Arizona Department of Corrections, and community members Ann O'Brien and Julie Read.

The purpose of the Committee is to study and review juvenile justice in Arizona, including looking at the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADJC) secure care facility located at Adobe Mountain in Maricopa County. Additionally, the Committee is tasked with exploring the state's needs and options to rehabilitate the youths in custody, discussing trends and future projections to better understand the future needs of the state and counties. The Committee will also look at the relationship between the State of Arizona and counties in regards to juvenile corrections and ADJC funding.

The next meeting will take place within the coming weeks.

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New House of Representatives Committee Assignments Announced

Last Friday, Speaker J.D. Mesnard announced changes to the House committee assignments. Speaker Mesnard named Representative T.J. Shope as the new Chair of the House Rules Committee, replacing Phil Lovas who left the House earlier this year. Representative Shope will leave the Commerce Committee and be replaced by Representative Ben Toma. Representative Toma will also fill the vacancy created by Mr. Lovas' departure on the Banking & Insurance Committee. Representative David Livingston will join the Rules Committee.

Speaker Mesnard also announced that Representative Geraldine Peten will serve on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the Land, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs Committee, filling the vacancies created by the resignation of Jesus Rubalcava. "With these changes, the appointed new members can now begin taking a more active role in the legislative process," said Speaker Mesnard. "I look forward to productive contributions to the committee process from all our members."

Source: [Arizona House of Representatives](#)

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NACo Webinars: Stepping Up

- The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Stepping Up: Addressing Housing Needs of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails](#) on November 9, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (EST). This webinar will explore evidence-based strategies for addressing housing needs for people with mental illnesses who have had contact with the justice system. This webinar will feature CSH's FUSE model, which is a data-driven approach to creating and implementing supportive housing for high utilizers/frequent users of jails, shelters and other crisis services.

To register, please [click here](#).

- The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Stepping Up Network Call: Addressing Housing Needs of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails](#) on November 16, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (EST). This webinar on housing strategies will enable counties to join the conversation with national experts and local practitioners to learn about strategies for addressing housing needs for people with mental illnesses who have had contact with the justice system.

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