

Forum: Restorative Practices: What's Next After The Vote?

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 1pm to 3:30pm

Bert Nash Center Auditorium
200 Maine Street

The purpose of the forum is not a pro/con session regarding the County's jail sales tax ballot but a presentation of facts, current status, and capacity to address inmate and mental health needs and where we go from here.

Our moderator will be **Dr. Clarence Lang**, professor at University of Kansas.

The presenters are

Patrick Schmitz, Bert Nash CEO;

Mike Brouwer, Douglas County Re-Entry Coordinator;

Jose Cornejo, Mental Health Facilitator for the Lawrence Public Schools;

Chief District Court Judge Peggy Kittel; and

Lawrence Attorney Julia Butler.

Common questions the presenters will address:

1. Tell us about the "early release" options and other restorative opportunities currently available? How are people eligible and how effect have these programs been?
2. Tell us what steps are being taken to correct ethnic and racial imbalance in our programs and practices?
3. Tell us what the timeline will be for the different phases of the expansion for both the jail and the mental health facility? If the vote fails tell us how will the proposal and the timeline change?
4. Tell us if there are limitations to what the county can do on its own to improve restorative practices and reduce overcrowding?
5. Can you identify another issue that we should really be addressing at this panel?
6. Tell us about restorative justice programs that are occurring in our schools? In future school planning will more dollars be available for restorative justice programming?