

Summary of Field Trip to What Works in Public Safety Conference

February 17, 2017 9:00 am

The House and Senate Judiciary Committees held an informational hearing and the House Health Care and Senate Health Care Committees held a field trip at the 2017 What Works in Public Safety Conference. The Conference was held on Friday, February 17th, beginning at 9:00 am and was located at the Salem Convention Center, 200 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97301.

The Committees heard from a variety of presenters on issues relating to neurobiology, behavior, and sentencing reform. First, Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D., Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addiction (CASAA), University of New Mexico, spoke on the neuroscience of addiction and the underlying factors responsible for substance use disorders (SUDs). Dr. Condon reviewed what research has shown about effective treatments for SUDs and how the blending of the public health and public safety systems can work together to address these problems. Next, Khalil A. Cumberbatch, Manager of Trainings, JustLeadershipUSA, shared his personal story of incarceration in the New York State prison system, his reentry, and his advocacy work for social justice. Finally, Judge Frederick Block, US District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York, discussed the profusion of collateral consequences that follow felony convictions under both state and federal law and their effect on rehabilitation and recidivism. The Conference concluded at 12:00 pm.