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MEDIA ADVISORY

Chief Justice McCormack, Lt. Governor Gilchrist to Lead Jail and Pretrial Task Force Meeting in Grand Rapids

- Who:** Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack, Task Force Co-Chair
Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, Task Force Co-Chair
[Task Force Members](#)
- What:** Meeting of the [Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration](#)
Open to the public
- When:** Friday, September 20, 2019,
Meeting 9:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m., public testimony 1:30-4:00pm
- Where:** Grand Rapids Community College, Student Community Center
Raider Grille (cafeteria)
122 Lyon St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- Why:** Following months of data collection and analysis, The Pew Charitable Trusts will present their first system-wide analysis of Michigan court and jail data at the Task Force's Grand Rapids meeting. The data presentations will focus on Michigan arrest practices, jail admission and population trends, the prevalence of mental health and substance abuse among inmates, and case processing information to help determine who is in Michigan jails, for how long, and why. The Task Force was created by an Executive Order from Governor Gretchen Whitmer with a directive to examine the factors affecting jail populations and make recommendations that reduce incarceration trends, promote public safety, and safeguard civil rights. The Task Force is comprised of Michigan leaders including judges, legislators, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, county commissioners, and community corrections and victim advocates. *Find more information at www.courts.mi.gov/micjreform.*