

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Chairman Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Judge Patrick L. Carroll*, Chief Court Administrator, *Steve Grant*, Executive Director, CSSD; *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program Manager, Department of Children and Families, *Mark Shok*, Adult Services and Program Manager, Department of Social Services; *Dora Schriro*, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Education; *Thomas Saadi*, General Counsel & Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Veterans' Affairs; *Suzy Storey*, Chief Public Defender, Division of Public Defender Services, *Scott Semple*, Commissioner, Department of Corrections, *Carleton J. Giles*, Chairperson, Board of Pardons and Paroles, *Merit Lajoie*, Complaint Officer, Office of the Victims Advocate, *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney

I. Introductions

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented.

II. Welcome and Policy Update

In process working with legislation regarding the governors criminal justice proposals around bail reform and raise the age, he invites anyone to discuss concerns or ask for more information to reach out to Mike Lawlor or Aaron Frank at the governor's office. Regarding bail reform, two specific reforms are occurring this year and going forward in the future possibly amending the constitution. Yesterday the US congress tied federal Criminal Justice grants to the elimination of money bail, New Mexico amended their constitution to make it impossible to hold people on money bail and there are further criminal justice reforms taking place around the country.

This meeting was not broadcast on CT-N.

The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website at: http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&Q=383680&opmNav_GID=1797

III. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2016

- a. One amendment was made to include Department of Education in the Members Present. The January minutes reflect this change.

IV. Commission Correspondence

There was no commission correspondence.

V. Presentations

- a. Risk Reduction Earned Credit Report, Mike Lawlor, Ivan Kuzyk, OPM CJPPD

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/rrecreport/rrec_report_february_2016.pdf

- b. Criminal Justice Update, Ivan Kuzyk, OPM CJPPD

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20160225_cj_updatetrends.pdf

- a. 2016 Prison Population Forecast, Ivan Kuzyk, OPM CJPPD

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/populationforecast/prison_pop_projection_february_2016_final.pdf

VI. Agency Updates

Members provided updates on their agencies and latest initiatives.

Division of Public Defender Services – working on the MacArthur Grant, working with Kevin Kane and Judge Carroll and their offices on adjusting judicial during budget cuts. 2012 Habeas Reform has created many more petitions, prior to the reform 200 now over 600 requests.

Department of Education –The Department of Education is working on the discipline report.

Office of the Victim Advocate – OVA is preparing for National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April.

Department of Social Services (DSS) – Execution of pay for success contract for DCF, social impact bonds provide services to over 500 families and is financed by private investment. The CJTS count is currently at 45.

Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP) – Jan 2016 Total hearings 164 Grant rate of 62% Drop 12% from December 2015 but an increase of 6% from January 2015. 2015 Year summary: total hearings: 1965, Annual grant rate 55%, 87 % of those heard were 50% designation or nonviolent, 13 % were 85 % designation or violent offenders. 2015 hearings were 5% higher than 2014.

Judicial Branch- The judicial branch has been concerned with the budget cuts, they anticipate that the cuts will affect the judicial branch, their programs, and 24 hour lock ups, and want to brace for these changes in a coordinated way. (The first phase of CJIS has gone live, including PRON information and OBIS information, this is the first of 8 releases.)

Court Support Services Division (CSSD) – 2016 rearrests rates are down 27% for AIC completers, started Forensic CBT officers for 18-21 year olds and are building officer capacity around brain development

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) – Innovatory has been completed and sent to CCSU.

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) – DESPP worked with DAS to give staff an active shooter training, and a specific training for state managers, they will continue to offer these courses, as well as a train the trainer.

Department of Veterans Affairs – Would like to investigate data on current veterans and service members and the relation to prescription drugs as a gateway to illegal drugs, possibly screening for vets, or even anecdotal evidence.

Department of Correction (DOC) – today's count is down 461 overall from last year, down 407 in sentenced population and down 54 in accused population and up 416 in community population. They opened the reintegration Center February 1st, and launched RREC changes on February 1st

as well. They are opening another substance abuse housing center within the reintegration center next month and a new reintegration center at Manson will open this summer.

Chief States Attorney Office – Working with the Center for Court Innovation on the MacArthur Grant for positive solutions for chronic low level offenders in the beginning. This grant application is closer to being completed, there have been many discussions. There are currently 39 active unsolved murder cases and there have been a significant number of arrests on major unsolved cases recently.

VII. Subcommittee Updates

PJOR – Ed Latessa was a guest at the meeting. Karl Lewis led a discussion about the DOJ Second Chance Act Grant.

Behavioral health – N/A

Victim issues – N/A

VIII. Public Comment

Dr. Kathleen Maurer (*Director, DOC Health Services*) expressed an interest in looking at the drug overdose issue further, she pointed out that people in prison often detox and lose their tolerance for drugs and then proceed to overdose shortly after exiting. She expressed an interest in expanding MAT programs and Suboxone programs to treat people before they leave DOC custody.

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Lawlor adjourned the meeting early at 10:45, and reminded members there will be a meeting on March 24th, 2016.