

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, March 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Marc Pekla, Office of Policy and Management; *Chief Kenny*, Chiefs of Police Association, *Rollin Cook*, Department of Corrections; *Carlton Giles*, Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Tom Saadi*, Department of Veteran Affairs; *Loel Meckel*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, *James Rovella*, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, *Kevin Lawlor*, Chief State's Attorney, *Tracey Miller*, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Karen Jarmoc*, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Chris Rapillo*, Division of Public Defender Services, *Humayun Beg*, Criminal Justice Information System, *Gary Roberge*, Court Support Services Division, *Judge Pat Carroll*, Judicial Department, *Natasha Pierre*, Office of the Victim Advocate, and *Rick Healey*, Public Member

I. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introduction by *Marc Pelka*, *Undersecretary of CJPPD, OPM*
- Introductions by Committee Members
- February CJPAC was broadcast on CTN
<http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=16158>
- February minutes were approved by committee members

II. Presentation

- *Ivan Kuzyk*, *SAC Director, CJPPD, OPM* – 2019 Recidivism Presentation
- *Karen Jarmoc*, *Connecticut Coalition Against Sexual Assault* and *Joe DiTunno*, *Co-Chair of CT's DV Offender Program Standards Advisory Council* – Report on Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards

III. Agency Updates

CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – They are traveling to MA to present at a national conference about the post-conviction treatment model – a nationally recognized model. Sexual Assault Awareness Month kicks off next month.

Department of Veterans Affairs – If there are bills that relate to DVA please reach out so they can collaborate with different agencies on reports, reports, trainings, etc. to prevent duplication of efforts. Women veterans are the fastest growing demographic in the armed forces. Women and Girls Task Force kickoff event, DVA initiating a “Have you ever served?” to identify female veterans to screen them to see if they qualify for services, and refer them to the DVA.

Public Defenders Office – They collaborated with the DOC at York CI to address issues regarding end of sentence. Recipients of Justice Department Grant (representation of youth in Hartford) which includes a community engagement piece and providing attorney to young

people before the court referral. Hopeful to be a recipient of a VISTA Volunteer for community outreach and providing information about their rights of defense and more trust in the community.

Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness – Provided data to OPM regarding individuals who have been both in DOC and Homeless, and they are working with CSSD about probationers and homelessness data. Later today, they will release a press release saying there was a 10% decrease in shelter use over the course of last year.

Public Member – Rick Healey, lawyer with a law firm in Hartford, has been coming to meeting for a number of meetings, but hasn't made it to one this year.

Office of the Victims Advocate – National Crime Victims Right Awareness Week is April 8-14. OVA is having a symposium on April 10th (a good free training opportunity). This is already a full training.

Judicial Branch – The Judicial Branch enhanced judges training about veterans with PTSD with help from Commissioner Saadi. Pierre shown a light on a court issue and they created a policy to fix that issue. The cooperation of CJPAC was very helpful in these instances of collaboration. The Judicial Branch is engaged in working to secure funding for JJ programs that was not included in governor's budget, when the JJ transfer happened from DCF to Judicial Branch the founding source was not transferred with it at the end of the last session. Security in courthouse facilities is a concern Judge Carroll raised at the appropriations committee.

DOC – DOC is busy putting together the leadership team. DOC is working on MAT training for Wardens and DW training from Dr. Maurer. They celebrated the 2nd anniversary of the TRUE Unit. They created a Task Force to help come up with health services provided solutions, including the unions, and had a recruitment fair to get staffing up to where it needs to be. And they are working with the Office of Child Advocate to address the juvenile offender population.

CSSD – CSSD is optimistic to have the first secure program in the community by late spring or early summer, and start taking referrals in the end of summer or early fall. They are currently using detention centers as secure facilities, but they are not meant for long term facilities. They will not be able to expand community based programs if the funding is not restored. They are looking at another couple secure programs in the community and another staff secure facility as well. Currently, there are 2 staff secure programs. The kids are starting to cycle out of the secure detention centers and into the staff secure programs and they are at capacity. Visitors from PEW Foundation come for a visit to see how CSSD does Community Corrections in CT for a best practices national publication. The National Center of State Courts is looking at how the state is responding opioid epidemic. Representatives from Boston came down to CT. The MA legislature enacted additional laws about pretrial, so they came to CT to learn about how CSSD does pretrial services. Two pending Grants through DOJ, expand TPP to other court locations, and to further risk based supervision model (currently used in Hartford, working with 18-24 year olds). Pilot program with DOH, rapid rehousing pilot project in New Haven, \$28,000 committed to that program. Working with other agencies on legislative bills currently as well.

CCADV - Governor Lamont announced that all state agencies will have a DV policy in the workplace. CCADV is also working with state agencies and legislative and judicial branch. They worked with Aetna last year, and if they can do it, all the branches of government can do it also. They are eager to offer training (Partnered with End Sexual Violence) on this policy and best practices. This guidance is offered through the Office of Violence against Women.

DMHAS – Federal grants received to address opioid epidemic totaling \$33 million, and a 3rd allocation for CT will be an additional \$5.8 million– to last until sept 2020. Working with CJ agencies to allocate this money as needed.

CJIS – CJIS is focused on deployment and training, currently there are 2,000 users, and they are ramping up to 13,000 users. CJIS is working with BCJ and Judicial services to identify a GA as a good place to have a collective deployment (work flow perceptive), working with police department and state police from a search perspective. They have a grant to get equipment for deployment. Working with OPM to ID data used for statistical analysis and to make that available.

IV. Subcommittee Updates

- Victims Issues Committee – This subcommittee met on March 14th, Marc Pelka came to the meeting. They had a refreshing conversation and their first action will be to present to CJPAC as a coordinated victims issues group, specifically about gaps they see as they push criminal justice reform. They are also hoping to extend membership to some people from CJPAC as well.
- PJOR - Count 3% reduction from a year ago, the sentenced population is 9,480 last year 9,839 a 3.6% decrease, accused is up a little – 1.4%. The female population is down. Closed the Madison unit at Bridgeport -66 beds.
- Behavioral Health – they met, and gave updates.

V. Adjournment

- Chairperson Marc Pelka adjourned the meeting