

## CJPAC Research Workgroup Meeting

CSSD, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wethersfield

December 10, 2008

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

**Chair:** Linda DeConti, Research Unit Manager (CJPPD/OPM)

**Present:** John Forbes, Assistant Division Director (OPM), Ivan Kuzyk, Research Unit Assistant Manager (OPM), Anne Bordieri, Intern (OPM); Brian Hill, Manager (CSSD); Fred Levesque, Director (DOC), Michelle Altomare, Associate Research Analyst (DOC), Cheryl Cepelak, Director (DOC), Jody Barry, Associate Research Analyst (DOC); John Lahda, Executive Director (BOPP); Lois Desmarais, Planning Specialist (DPS), Gary Lopez, Planning Specialist (DPS), Tom Myers, IT Analyst 2(DPS); Steve Cox, CT SAC Director (CCSU), Aileen Keays, Research Specialist(CCSU), Lyndsay Ruffolo, Research Specialist(CCSU)

**Excused:** Alan Calandro, Section Chief (OFA); Chris Reinhart, Esq., Senior Attorney (OLR); Judy Lee, Case flow Management Specialist (Court Operations); Rich Sparaco, Parole/Community Services Manager (BOPP), Jerry Stowell, Consultant (BOPP); Al Bidorini, Director of Planning (DMHAS);

**Absent:** Susan Glass, Program Manager (CSSD)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS and DELIVERABLES	DATE
<b>Acceptance of Minutes:</b>	The Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as written.		
<b>Monthly Indicators Report:</b>	The December Monthly Indicators was expanded to include a Year-End Supplement of historical data and key charts and tables from the previous reports.	RT 81& 82 screens need to be looked at before the monthly is published because the numbers have changed.	
<b>Prison Forecasting Model:</b>	Briefly discussed the prison forecasting model developed by Dr. Pablo Martinez, at Texas State University and plans for his assisting us in evaluating this model for our potential use. Site visit tentative for January 14th, <b>15th</b> & 16th 2009. Emphasized the need to be flexible for the date of our next workgroup meeting to accommodate Dr. Martinez's availability.		
<b>Annual Recidivism Study:</b>	There was no additional feedback on the violent offenders.	Ivan will share the list with CJPAC executives.	
<b>Agency Updates:</b>	<b>BOPP:</b> November there were 26 regular hearing dates with an average of 10 cases per hearing. There were also 4 hearing dates held for parole revocation and parole rescissions. There were 260 parole grants and 38 denials. The 260 figure includes 28 cases that were revoked and re-paroled and 15 cases that were rescinded and re-paroled. There were 177 cases reviewed for transfer parole (44 approved, 67 denied, 66 continued with a new review date).	In general, offenders granted parole, are not eligible to be released until six months after the hearing date. – Change wording in the Monthly Indicators report to reflect	
	<b>CSSD:</b> Internal research projects looking at contracted program effectiveness continue. The focus has been on selected residential treatment programs and center-based community programs for juveniles and adults. CSSD research staff continues to support efforts to reduce adult probation caseloads through case flow analysis and projects based on legislative policy mandates.		

<b>Agency Updates Continued:</b>	<p><b>DPS:</b>  DPS should be able to release the 2005 annual Crime in CT report by 1/31/09. The CT State Police (CSP) missing arrests for 2006-2008 continue to be manually entered; however, the light duty trooper who was entering about 70% of the missing arrests is no longer available to assist. An automated solution to the missing arrests problem is currently being evaluated by Nexgen, the vendor for CSP.</p> <p>DPS received approval for no-cost technical assistance from SEARCH through the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics. SEARCH will assist in the development of a standard format for electronic submission of Family Violence arrest data from law enforcement agencies across the state.</p>		
	<p><b>DOC:</b>  There will be a presentation at the CJPAC meeting on 12/11 on the Statewide Re-entry Strategy. The DOC has seen a reduction in the inmate population of approximately 265 from the beginning of November to December first. The majority of the decrease is from the accused population. DOC closed overflows areas at Enfield C.I. and Gates C.I. Hartford Correctional Center continues to remain high with 125 inmates in overflow areas.</p>		
	<p><b>Judicial Court Operations:</b>  No Update.</p>		
<b>Other Information:</b>	<p><b>CJPAC Informational Forum on Research</b>  Presentation by OPM staff - To inform policy makers and the public about criminal justice research and the work of the CJPAC Research Workgroup. To explain how concepts, work products and information sharing are fostered and vetted through the CJPAC Research Workgroup collaborative process. Detailed presentation about the Monthly Correctional Indicators Report and the correctional population forecast.</p> <p><b>CJIS Update by Terry Schnure</b>  <b>JRSA/BJS Computerized Criminal History RFP Felony Case Processing</b>  <b>OPM Re-Entry Studies Update by Steve Cox</b></p>		
<b>Meeting Schedule:</b>	<p><b>January 15, 2009</b> – CVH, Page Hall, Middletown  <b>February 11, 2009</b> – CVH, Page Hall, Middletown  <b>March 11, 2009</b> – Location TBD  <b>April 08, 2009</b> – Location TBD</p>		