

**AD HOC CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)
MEETING**

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2020

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Note: The meeting was conducted via
telephone due to social distancing during
COVID-19.

Attendees: *Chairperson Marc Pelka*, Undersecretary, Office of Policy and Management; *Commissioner Rovella*, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Commissioner Cook*, Department of Correction; *Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak*, Department of Correction, *Christine Fortunato*, Department of Correction, *Lucy Nolan*, Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence; *Jack Doyle*, Division of Criminal Justice, *Dr. Michael Norko*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, *Eleanor Michael*, Assistant Division Director; *Nichole Howe*, Associate Accountant; *Steve Moniz*, Lead Planning Analyst, *Melissa Conway*, Planning Analyst

1) Welcome

- The meeting was convened at approximately 3pm
- Welcome was provided by Chairperson Pelka

2) Introductions

- Members present introduced themselves

3) Update on pending Byrne JAG Litigation

- Eleanor Michael provided a brief description of the JAG grant program litigation

4) JAG FY2020 Application – Goals, Objectives and Priorities

- Nichole Howe provided a brief update of the required distribution to localities
- Eleanor Michael provided a brief overview of the requirements of the solicitation, the general areas where JAG funds can be used, how the plan was drafted, and an overview of program priorities.

5) Discussion

- No objections to the priorities and objectives were stated. Many stakeholders provided feedback on priorities that were of significance to them. A few of the comments included:

- DESPP thanked OPM's support of municipal law enforcement through the JAG grant
- DOC noted that JAG funds have supported a pilot of the Medication Assisted Treatment program, as well as the WORTH and TRUE units at the DOC. DOC noted that these funds might be appropriate for supporting housing and employment programs for individuals re-entering society after a period of incarceration.
- DCJ emphasized the importance of the 6-7 priority areas

6) Adjournment

Chairperson Pelka provided a final summary of the meeting and thank you to participants