



Public Act 19- Implementation  
Parole Revocation Unit  
March 25, 2021

# BACKGROUND

- *DPDS had been approached several times, by Administrations of both Govs. Malloy and Lamont, regarding representing individuals in parole revocation proceedings.*
- *Activity not specified in our enabling statute and we had no funding for additional staff.*
- *Section 3 of Public Act 19-59 created a pilot program for the DPDS to provide representation to individuals accused of violating conditions of parole who cannot afford an attorney.*
- *Approximately \$250,000 allocated to provide representation to as many individuals as possible with the funding.*

# STAFFING

- 2 experienced attorneys
- Secretary
- Social Worker
- Located within the office space for PD Legal Services Unit in Waterbury

# PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

- Developed protocols for PD field offices to make referrals to PRU from new arrest.
- Worked with BOPP and PCS to create process for notice to parolees and eligibility applications.
- Addressed hearing schedule issues and access to DOC counselors
- Developed social worker's responsibilities
- Developed administrative assistant's duties
- First client intake occurred on September 17, 2019.
- Drafted form letters and notices to be sent to new clients.
- Met with BOPP regularly regarding certain aspects of the parole revocation process that might be improved through PRU's existence.

# WHAT DID WE DO?

- TOTAL CASES: 545
- TOTAL CLIENTS 428

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- PRELIMINARY HEARINGS 428
  - REVOCATION HEARINGS 370
  - BOPP FINAL REVIEW HEARINGS 202
  - OTHER

# OUTCOMES

## Disposition Details

- 377 cases have been disposed
- 40 of our disposed cases involve the same clients (repeat violations)
- 186 cases are pending currently
- 348 preliminary hearings
  - 43 of these cases resulted in findings of “no probable cause’
- 256 final revocation hearings
  - 4 of these cases resulted in no findings of violations (failure to show a violation by a preponderance of the evidence)
- 200 BOPP final review hearings

## Sanction Details

Reinstate immediately: 4 at final revocation

43 at preliminary hearing

No reinstatement: 3

Supplemental hearing: 3

Three month of less sanction: 30

Three to six month sanction: 82

## Sanction Details (continued)

- Six month to one year sanction: 68
- More than one year sanction: 19

## OTHER DISPOSTIONS

- TOPP referrals: 2
- Reimprisonment warrant withdrawals: 38\*
- Parole automatically revoked: 7
- Discharge off sentence: 39

\*PCS will request that the BOPP withdraw the reimprisonment warrant when an inmate with pending criminal or motor vehicle charges is granted a diversionary program.

# CHALLENGES

- PD field office compliance with protocols
- Ongoing difficulty scheduling legal phone calls with clients in DOC custody.
- Delayed scheduling of final revocation hearings for clients with pending out of state charges.
- Parole officer addendum submission delays.