

Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission  
Legislative Office Building, Room 1B  
Minutes for May 13, 2010 Meeting  
9:00 AM

Members present: Brian Austin, Undersecretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management; William H. Carbone, Executive Director, Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division; Kevin Kane, Chief State's Attorney; Susan Storey, Chief Public Defender; Robert Farr, Chairman, Board of Pardons and Parole; Brian K. Murphy, Acting Commissioner, Department of Correction.

Chair Brian Austin convened the meeting to order at 9:10am. The Commission members introduced themselves.

The minutes for the May meeting were unanimously accepted.

Public Comment: There was no comment.

Agency Update: Undersecretary Austin updated the Commission on the State Budget for SFY09/10 and SFY 10/11. Mr. Austin stated this was a very large accomplishment for all. He also stated that there would be challenges going forward, particularly relating to funding and staffing. However, inter-agency collaborations among the CJPAC members can help sustain progress and outcomes.

Mr. Austin informed the Commission of the upcoming Criminal Justice Cross Training conference that will be offered again on August 20, 2010 at the Southern Connecticut State University. The conference will include a new session on Diversity in the Criminal Justice System .

Assistant Director John Forbes provided an update on the Recovery Act Funds. OPM received approximately \$1.8 million in Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds, and \$12.4 in Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Funds. The VAWA funds are supporting expanded staffing at the domestic violence shelters and a pilot project to dispatch sexual assault forensic examiners. The JAG funds are being used for statewide projects focused on DNA testing, narcotics task force, information technology and other functions. Local governments have received JAG funds as well. 159 towns have taken advantage of the funds being offered. Most of the towns used their funds to purchase law enforcement equipment. One third of the towns have expended their funds.

DOC Commissioner Brian Murphy reported that the prison population is steady at 18,309, a little higher than OPM's projections. The sentenced population as well as the pretrial population has gone up and the community count has risen to 4,695. DOC continues to work with other agencies on the ICE program. Approximately 2,800 DNA samples have been collected from incarcerated felons.

Commissioner Murphy also stated that Video Conference technology expansion continues to run very well and offers the opportunity for substantial savings in transportation costs.

Judge Patrick Carroll reported that the Judicial Branch plans to run an additional Marshall class to provide courthouse security and transportation security. The Branch also plans to use funds to continue support for “research and resources” for judges, particularly the ones that sit in the Criminal assignments. Certain libraries have deferred closing due to the funds as well.

William Carbone Director of CSSD discussed a few initiatives in the Juvenile division that will help transition the system in response to the “raise-the-age” legislation. Such as, the family support centers in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury.

Chief States Attorney Kevin Kane emphasized the urgency in completing the CJIS system.

Chair-man Robert Farr of Boards of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP) discussed the development of the Case Note Systems and how it will be a significant improvement for all agencies and how they will retrieve information. This program will allow access by other agencies thru a website based system.

.Meeting Adjourned: 10:20 am.