

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)
MINUTES
FOR
THURSDAY, March 28, 2013 MEETING**

Members Present: Chairman Michael Lawlor, *Undersecretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM;* Josh Howroyd *Legislative Program Manager, Department of Children and Families;* Bill Carbone, *Executive Director of Court Support Services, Judicial Branch;* Susan Storey, *Chief Public Defender;* Michael Borco, *Director of Forensic Services;* Laura Cordes, *Executive Director, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Center;* Pat Rehmer, *Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services;* Dan Bannish, *Director of Behavioral Health, Department of Correction;* Jim Farnam, *Consultant, Farnam Associates;* Guy Vallaro, Ph.D., *Director of Scientific Services;* Rueben Bradford, *Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;* Chief James Kenny, *Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association;* Kevin Kane, *Chief State's Attorney;* Laurie Deneen, *Esq. Public Member;* Erika Tindill, *Chairman, Board of Pardons and Paroles;* *Deputy Commissioner, Department of Corrections.*

I. Welcome and Policy Update

Chairman Lawlor convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed members.

Chairman Lawlor announced that the Prison Population Indicators Report is finished and should be out soon. Chairman Lawlor highlighted that February 2013 had the lowest number of arrests statewide as far back as record can show. In 2012, the arrest rate dropped 12%, in 2011, 8%; this shows a decline in the number of arrests that is seen as positive for the state. The number of people being released from prisons is also down, as well as the number of people being sentenced to prison.

II. Introductions

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented

III. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2013

Minutes were approved.

IV. Commission Correspondence

There was no commission correspondence.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Guy Vallaro, Ph.D. Director, Division of Scientific Services, Presentation Re: Crime Lab

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcipac/vallaro_cjpac_presentation_lab_3-25-13_edited.pdf

VII. Jim Farnam, Consultant from Farnam Associates, to the Capital Region Adult Literacy Partnership Policy Cabinet: Presentation on iBest (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) Work.

<http://www.ct-n.com/CTNplayer.asp?odID=8842>

VIII. Update: Discussion of Governor's directive to develop reasonable, objective and uniform standards to be used in granting and/or revoking firearms permits and to propose a strategy for increasing awareness among law enforcement and mental health professionals of Connecticut's existing gun seizure warrant process.

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IX. Update: Discussion of Governor's call to prioritize the prosecution of crimes involving firearms pursuant to CGS Sec. 51-277c.

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X. Agency Updates

Chief State's Attorney – Chief State's Attorney Kevin Kane discussed the nature of the criminal investigation being conducted regarding the crimes in Newtown. He recognizes that this investigation continues because the affected families and citizens have the right to have law enforcement investigate all leads and look at all evidence. The atmosphere around this investigation must be calm and thorough. The investigation has been kept confidential thus far but it will be released so that the public can receive accurate answers.

XI. Behavioral Health Sub-Committee

There will be a meeting next week. There is a complication that impact the agencies in CJPAC, an action of American Psychiatric Association which changes the concept of alcohol and substance consumption statutes to determine whether someone is dependent on alcohol or substances. A bill that is currently being

considered by the legislature, HB 6644, offered some suggestions about modifying the language. New concept is that dependence is just a continuum of severity. Dependence will be a moderate or severe use disorder. Probably have to begin using the terminology. New definitions might require other modifications.

XII. Other Business

There was no additional business.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. The next CJPAC meeting will be Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2B.