

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

**Thursday, June 26, 2014  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman *Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Stephen Grant*, Executive Director, Court Support Services Division, Judicial Branch; *Carleton J. Giles*, Chairman, Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program Manager, DCF; *Dora B. Schriro*, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney; *Laura Cordes*, Director, CT Sexual Assault Crisis Services; *Merit LaJoie*, Office of the Victim Advocate; James Dzurenda, Commissioner, Department of Correction; *Dr. Michael Norko*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; *Dennis Murphy*, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Labor. *Sean Thakkar*, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Governing Board, *Karen Jarmoc*, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. *Raymond Singleton*, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services

## **I. Welcome and Policy Update**

Chairman Lawlor convened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. He welcomed everyone and announced that CT-N will be taping the meeting. He highlighted handouts that were distributed to members and discussed the recidivism report.

Chairman Lawlor discussed the Monthly Indicators Report prepared by Ivan Kuzyk at the Office of Policy and Management. The report was distributed at the meeting and Chairman Lawlor highlighted some of the positive trends which can be found in the Report.

The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website at:

[http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport\\_june\\_2014\\_pdf.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport_june_2014_pdf.pdf)

Chairman Lawlor reviewed the meeting's agenda and introduced the two presenters of today's meeting.

## **II. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented.

## **III. Approval of Minutes from May 29, 2014**

The minutes were approved.

#### **IV. Commission Correspondence**

There was no commission correspondence.

#### **V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **VI. Department of Correction – DUI/Drug House Arrest Home Program Presentation**

**Presenters: Jennifer Bennett, Deputy Director of Dept. of Correction Parole/Comm. Services Division.  
Deborah Henault, Deputy Warden, Director of Dept. of Correction Addiction Services Division.**

Link to PowerPoint Presentation and coverage by CT-N:

<http://ct-n.com/webstream.asp?odID=10418&startat=0:11:15>

#### **VII. Connecticut Racial Profiling Prevention Project Briefing:**

The presentation was a review of the police stop data collected between October 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014.

**Presenters: Andrew Clark, Ken Barone, IMRP CCSU; Sean Thakkar, CJIS**

Link to PowerPoint Presentation and coverage by CT-N:

<http://ct-n.com/webstream.asp?odID=10418&startat=1:08:46>

Additional information on Connecticut’s Racial Profiling Prevention Project (CTRP3) can be found at <http://www.ctrp3.org/>.

#### **VIII. Agency Updates**

Members went around the group and provided an update on their agency and latest initiatives.

CT-N coverage of the agency updates can be found:

<http://ct-n.com/webstream.asp?odID=10418&startat=2:20:07>

**Judicial Branch** - Judge Carroll announced 16 new judges have been deployed to G.A. criminal assignments. He noted a recent spike in the population at the juvenile detention centers. A meeting was scheduled immediately following the CJPAC meeting to discuss the issue.

**Judicial Branch-Court Support Services Division (JB-CSSD)** – Executive Director Stephen Grant responded to a question asked by Chief State Attorney Kevin Kane at May’s CJPAC meeting regarding youthful probation offenders and their charges. He distributed a one-page handout which included a breakdown of the charges by felony as well as charge type.

**Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)** – Commissioner Schriro announced that next Tuesday, July 1, 2014, DESPP Major Brian F. Meraviglia would begin his new role as Colonel and Major Warren “Butch” Hyatt Jr. as Lieutenant Colonel of the Division of State Police. Also noted a press conference held on June 25<sup>th</sup> by the U.S. Attorney’s Office in concert with ATF, state police, the Bridgeport police department, and the New Haven police department. As a result of a four month effort and collaboration, over 70 weapons confiscated and many of them already identified as having been involved in one or more crimes, including homicides (which had not previously been identified) and over 150 individuals who have either been arrested or about to be arrested on state or federal charges. Announced that the state crime lab has contributed significantly to this effort and the substantial improvements the lab has made in the last two years in eliminating the backlog.

**Department of Correction** – Commissioner Dzurenda combined the PJOC and the DOC update. As of 6/25/14, there were 16,544 incarcerated; 3,952 were being supervised out in the community; 77 inmates were on home confinement. Also stated that there were 309 cadets at the training academy, with 136 scheduled to graduate on July 1, 2014 and 173 to graduate on September 10, 2014.

**Department of Social Services** – Distributed the pre-released Medicaid application initiative. For the month of May, there was a slight drop. However, they are in the approximate range of what they have producing throughout the year. In May, from the larger organizations, 357 applications processed from DOC, 238 from JB-CSSD, and 73 from contracted agencies. From the beginning of the year, there have been total 4,243 applications processed for the pre-released Medicaid application.

## **I. Subcommittee Reports**

**Victim Issues Subcommittee** – Met earlier in the month and a presentation was given by members of the Quinnipiac University Law School on Victim-Offender Dialogue. The programs are happening in over a dozen states. They are victim-centered, victim driven, and victim facilitated between victims and offenders. This is something the subcommittee wishes to continue to examine. They will discuss it again in the fall when the subcommittee reconvenes on September 11, 2014 and will have a presentation by the Board of Pardons and Paroles at that time.

## **II. Adjournment**

Chairman Lawlor reminded committee members of the next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 and adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

