

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, October 29, 2015

## Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Chairman *Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program Manager, *Rich Sparaco*, Executive Director, Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Brian Carlow*, Deputy Chief Public Defender, Division of Public Defender Services; *Arielle Reich*, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney; *Cheryl Cepelak*, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Correction, *Laura Cordes*, Executive Director, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence *Laura Stefon*, Executive Assistant Legislative Liaison, Department of Education, *Karen Jarmoc*, President and CEO, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Dennis Murphy*, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Labor, *Gary Roberge*, Director of Adult Probation and Bail Services, CSSD, *Judge Patrick L. Carroll*, Judicial Branch, *Mark Shock*, Adult Services Program Manager, Department of Social Services, *Richard "Rick" P. Healey, Esq.*, Public Member

### I. Introductions

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented.

### II. Welcome and Policy Update

Meeting was convened at 9:10 am.

This meeting was not broadcasted on CT-N.

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

[http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport\\_oct\\_2015.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport_oct_2015.pdf)

- An announcement on the MacArthur Grant award will be made in February.
- The next CJPAC meeting will not be the last Thursday, due to the holiday, it will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 9 am.
- The monthly demonstrates a persistent downward trend in arrests.
- The budget assumes 1,000 less inmates as well as the closure of 1 prison.

### III. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2015

### IV. Commission Correspondence

There was no commission correspondence.

### V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## VI. Presentations

- a. Special Parole (Ivan Kuzyk, SAC Director, OPM-CJPPD)  
[http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20151030\\_cjpac\\_specialparole\\_presentation.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20151030_cjpac_specialparole_presentation.pdf)
- b. Second Chance Grants Awarded to Connecticut (Bill Carbone, Senior Lecturer and Executive Director of Justice Programs, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensics Science)  
[http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20151029cjpacbill\\_carbone\\_ppt.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20151029cjpacbill_carbone_ppt.pdf)

## VII. Agency Updates

Members provided updates on their agencies and latest initiatives.

**Division of Public Defender Services** – They are transitioning to an electronic case management system, this process is on time and under budget; training the staff is going well, and they have been equipped with laptops.

**Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP)** – BOPP is working on PA 15-84, preparing to coordinate additional hearings and working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Society Initiatives such as: expedited parole and pardons process, pilot program for board, reviewing special parole cases, and taking a look at the 500 technical violation cases. Rich Sparaco is the new president of New England Crime and Delinquency.

**Judicial Branch-Court Support Services Division (JB-CSSD)** –CSSD is working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Society Initiatives such as: decreasing pretrial population and VOPs. DMHAS beds are being used for people on the probation waiting list, about 50 people have been able to utilize these beds.

**Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)** –On November 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a training on autism in criminal justice at Connecticut Valley Hospital.

**State's Attorney Office** – This office is working on pretrial diversion techniques, specifically in New London, New Haven, and Bridgeport and on the MacArthur Grant.

**Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)** – Naloxone Program (NARCAN) is averaging approximately 1 save a week. Police training is continuing to train on force, use of cameras, and culture. The EPPI Statewide exercise had its' annual exercise on Oct 17&21.

**Department of Children and Family** – The current population at CJTS is 64, which is down from last year.

**Connecticut Coalition against Domestic Violence (CCADV)** – CCADV is attending a legislative task force on domestic violence, which could present at CJPAC if so desired.

**State Department of Education** – There are 6 districts with 6 schools in each district that are participating in the SBDI (School Based Diversion Initiative). The Department of Education is dedicating employees for this initiative and training others.

**CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence** – Post Conviction Victim Advocates from CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence participated in a statewide training of the sex offender management and sex offender supervision units. Also a reminder that CONSACS' name was changed to CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

**DSS** – DSS is implementing new processes which suspend but do not terminate medical benefits for inmates. Since its implementation, 2,000 people have utilized this process.

**DOC** – Veterans Unit opened 10/1/2015. The Veterans Unit has a capacity of 110 beds, and it will officially open on 10/9/2015. PJOR is working on the DOJ 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Planning Grant.

**Judicial Branch** – Judge Carroll attended a human trafficking conference in NYC, which could be a presentation at CJPAC if so desired.

**DOL** – There have been 95 layoffs in the CT Department of Labor, 77 of those laid off were placed in other agencies. The IBEST program is going forward.

**Office of the Victim Advocate** - Victims are concerned about their constitutional rights, this committee will draft a report of requests and recommendations for legislative and administrative actions; it could be a possible presentation for CJPAC.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Lawlor adjourned the meeting and reminded members that the next meeting is on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.