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:

- 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 19th, 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)
   sentation.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)

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 2nd 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 2nd 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 18th 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 2nd 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 19th, 2015.