

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Chairman *Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Chief James Kenny*, CT Chiefs of Police Association; *Carlton Giles*, Chairperson, Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Scott Semple*, Commissioner, Department of Correction, *Laura Cordes*, Executive Director, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence; *Arielle Reich*, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Merit Lajoie*, Office of the Victim Advocate, *Thomas Saadi*, General Counsel & Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Veterans' Affairs; *Karen Jarmoc*, President and CEO, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Steve Grant*, CSSD, *Loel Meckel*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Education; *Brian Carlow*, Deputy Chief Public Defender, Division of Public Defender Services; *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program Manager, Department of Children and Families.

I. Introductions

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented.

II. Welcome and Policy Update

Meeting was convened at 9:00 am. The Monthly Indicator Report indicates that crime reduction indicators are continuing to decline. The pre-trial population for possession is trending down. Gov. Malloy addressed UCONN law school speaking on Juvenile Justice Reform and a number of states are rethinking their juvenile justice programs as well as Connecticut.

This meeting was broadcasted on CT-N: <http://www.ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=12213>

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

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport_nov_2015.pdf

III. Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2015

- a. Two amendments were made to the October 29, 2015 minutes.

IV. Commission Correspondence

There was no commission correspondence.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Presentations

- a. Statewide Arrests and Pre-Trial Admissions Presentation, Ivan Kuzyk, Director, Connecticut Statistical Analysis Center.
 - i. http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcipac/201511118cjpac_presentati_on_arrests&admits.pdf
- b. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Proposal
 - i. Reduce jail population, by serious mental illness diversion
 - ii. Process and logistics improvement in court system
 - iii. Release from jail detention and reentry into the community, engagement

VII. Agency Updates

Members provided updates on their agencies and latest initiatives.

Division of Public Defender Services – Jennie Albert is the lead on MacArthur for their organization.

Chief States Attorney Office – Developed a scope of work for their case management system. They are taking a second look at budget, and determining how to best use the resources they have currently.

Department of Education – Dept. of Education is currently collaborating with CSSD on collaborating on their truancy referral guide. The School Based Diversion Initiative is going along well.

Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP) – BOPP's Rich Sparaco was named as president of the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency. October saw 178 parole hearings with grant rate of 52% and they granted 92 pardons.

Judicial Branch-Court Support Services Division (CSSD) – CSSD wants to recognize Judge Carroll and Judge Devlin for their support of the MacArthur Foundation, and other collaborative efforts in this process. CSSD is seeing additional reductions in recidivism in juvenile probation caseload.

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) – DMHAS held a training for dealing with people with autism involved in the criminal justice system, nearly 200 people requested to attend this event.

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) –Following the attacks in Paris, police upped presence at train stations, airports, and sporting events, as well as, other security measures. DESPP will implement excessive use of force and minority hiring plans for the state legislation by January 1, 2016.

Department of Children and Family – November is National Adoption Month. Tomorrow 50 adoptions will be finalized in the state of Connecticut. Over the last year they finalized over 500 adoptions of kids in DCF foster care. If you are interested in adopting or being a foster parent call 1-888-KID-HERO.

Department of Veterans Affairs – An agreement that would provide more dynamic substance abuse services at the DVA was formalized recently. DVA acknowledges the unique experience of veterans who return from combat and then are a first time offenders. Understanding when and how to access services and how law enforcement can reach out to support those offenders is critical.

Chiefs of Police Association – A statewide civil disorder table top exercise was executed and attended by various agencies.

DOC – DOC is exploring and analyzing the 18-25 population. Including discussions around brain development impulsivity and other aspects of this adolescence group. DOC is collaborating with others to approach this population and create a more formal approach to address the needs of this specific population.

Office of the Victim Advocate – The Victims’ Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission met, and are finalizing a report, which should be out in the next couple weeks, and contains recommendations.

Adjournment

Chairman Lawlor adjourned the meeting 15 minutes early and reminded members that the next meeting is on December 17, 2015. (Note: This CJPAC meeting was canceled.)