

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman *Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney; *Rich Sparoco*, Executive Director of the Board Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Cheryl Cepelak*, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Correction, *Laura Cordes*, Executive Director, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence; *Dora Schriro*, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, *Thomas Saadi*, General Counsel & Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Veterans' Affairs; *Karen Jarmoc*, President and CEO, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Gary Roberge*, CSSD, *Loel Meckel*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; *Brian Carlow*, Deputy Chief Public Defender, Division of Public Defender Services; *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program Manager, Department of Children and Families, *Marc Shok*, Adult Services Program Manager, Department of Social Services; *Miriam Delphin-Rittmon*, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; *Judge Patrick L. Carroll*; Chief Court Administrator, *Dennis Murphy*; Acting Commissioner of Labor, *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Education

I. Introductions

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented.

II. Welcome and Policy Update

Meeting was convened at 9:00 am. In addition to this CJPAC meeting, at 12:30 Malloy announces criminal justice initiatives in Hartford, and at 2pm the JJPOC meeting will convene. Malloy will be asking CJPAC to consider youthful offender initiatives. Police use of Taser data has been compiled for 2015. Connecticut is the first state in the country to have gathered this data for a calendar year. Two planning grants are well underway for submission to the DOJ. Recently Connecticut has gotten national attention for criminal justice progress.

Karen Jarmoc also asked if there was a victim component for input in the planning grants. Victim representation welcome to join PJOR meetings.

This meeting was broadcast on CT-N: <http://www.ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=12436>

The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website at: http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&Q=383680&opmNav_GID=1797

III. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2015

- a. No amendments

IV. Commission Correspondence

There was no commission correspondence.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Presentations

- a. Trends in the Criminal Justice System, Mike Lawlor, Undersecretary, Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management
 - i. http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/201511118cjpac_presentation_on_arrests&admits.pdf
 - ii. Watch on CT-N here: <http://www.ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=12436> (14:50-42:40)
- b. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Status Update, Kristina Gonzalez, Planning Analyst, Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management
 - i. http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20160128final_-_presentation_slides_jan_2015_macarthur.pdf ii. [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20160128_macarthur_cjpac_memo_-_january_\(final\).pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20160128_macarthur_cjpac_memo_-_january_(final).pdf) iii. Watch on CT-N here: <http://www.ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=12436> (44:25-1:06:19)

VII. Agency Updates

Members provided updates on their agencies and latest initiatives.

Division of Public Defender Services –They are pleased to be at the MacArthur Grant discussion table, which has increased their collaboration with other agencies.

DSS – DSS has implemented lean initiatives over last several months. These improve processes for incarcerated individuals by suspending rather than discontinuing benefits (currently 3,500 in suspended status) and change processes to not immediately close benefits when incarcerated, rather monitor for 60 days before closing status, which helps with the churning of individuals.

Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP) – no update

Judicial Branch- There will be implicit bias training session for all of CT Judges. CSSD is working with OPM on MacArthur Grant.

Court Support Services Division (CSSD) – CSSD is involved in the MacArthur planning process. Last year there were 29,731 people in lock up arraignments, 551 fewer than 2014. Of the 29,731 arraignments CSSD Bail staff recommended non-financial releases for 14,280 individuals which is 891 more people recommended for nonfinancial release (PTA) than in 2014, but-most significantly the FTA rate has remained the same at 13%, which is much lower than the national average of 18% - 20%; and the new arrest rate of people released on nonfinancial conditions decreased from 23% in 2014 to 22% in 2015. In 2015, FTA of people interviewed in police lockups on nights and weekends (non-court hours) that posted bond was 6.2%. FTA of

people who had a financial bond put on them by a judge was 5.2%, in 2015. CSSD would like to thank DMHAS for use of their contracted treatment beds, a project that has been in progress since July 1st. CSSD currently contracts for about 450 beds. Due to this collaboration with DMHAS, CSSD has been able to divert 117 people through JRI to those DMHAS beds. CSSD is able to use the DMHAS beds for probationers that are in Technical Violation status. Their 24-month recidivism report, for adult probation, reports a decrease of .5% since last year. The year started at 39.99% and ended at 39.54%. CSSD began measuring probationers 24 months out in 2007 and have since seen a decrease of 16%. It should also be noted that rates are improving with a smaller population, and since the system has been focused on higher risk individuals and more serious crime; essentially they are reporting better outcomes with more serious offenders

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) – DMHAS is expanding the jail diversion SA program to Manchester and New Britain. They are anticipating an 80% transfer to detox, 15% to residential and 5% to IOP; and they anticipate to be able to arrange for bed or placement within an hour.

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) – Connecticut State Police have responded to a ¾ of a million calls this past year. In the first year of Narcan, there were 63 saves due to Narcan, 22 of those people had been in DOC, and 3 incidents resulted in calls to DCF. CSP received over 1,500 calls specific to DV which were responded to; troopers using LAP determined that 90% of those times the person accepted the trooper's offer of help. The crime lab took on a 40% increase of cases, the lab has strong reputation and additional methodologies to assess evidence.

Department of Veterans Affairs – The Department of Veteran Affairs has extended its' partnership with DMHAS to work on the MAT program and more intensive case management regarding veterans, including veterans admitted to residential programs with the goal of reducing recidivism and violations for veterans and the ultimate goal of achieving more education, training and housing for veterans.

Department of Education – The Department of Education is giving a comprehensive presentation to the state board of education on school discipline in Connecticut; regarding restorative justice practices instead of exclusionary practices. They are looking forward to sharing this with CJPAC.

DOC – The DOC plans to work with the DMV to help get inmates IDs after leaving prison. The DOC count is 15,830, down 3% from last year, accused is down 3%, and community population is up 7%. There are 82 inmates on this status DUI home confinement. The DOC is in process of opening DUI and women specific reintegration units soon.

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence – The Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence is partnering with the Office of Victim Services to hold a 5th year anniversary event for the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Program (SAFE Program). The SAFE Program provides 24/7 response of trained examiners in tandem with sexual assault advocate. The SAFE Program has increased quality of care and preservation of evidence. They hope this program will go state wide in the future.

Chief States Attorney Office – The Chief States Attorney Office is working on the MacArthur grant, and is excited about diverting chronic low lever offenders early on in the process, having defense attorneys and prosecutors talking before the case goes to arraignment, working with police on diversion; many topics that have worked on for years around the state, are finally coming to a head. Caseloads are down, but work on cases is increased due to new technologies like body cameras.

Connecticut Collation Against DV - The Connecticut Collation against Domestic Violence received a three year grant through The Office of Violence Against Women to address young men and shift behaviors before they start, and they are partnering with Boys and Girls Club of Connecticut. The Children's Center on Family Violence, which is the first of its kind in the nation, is looking into grant opportunities, specifically for assisting children impacted by family violence. There have been 8 confirmed DV fatalities and 2 pending in 2015; 6 of the 8 were commenced with firearms. The task force to study the state's response to children exposed to family violence has a full report on the human services committee website, here:

https://www.cga.ct.gov/hs/taskforce.asp?TF=20150730_Task%20Force%20to%20Study%20the%20Statewide%20Response%20to%20Minors%20Exposed%20to%20Domestic%20Violence

Department of Children and Families – DCF plans for the closure of CJTS by July 2018. The DCF Deputy Commissioner has recently kicked off the planning process for the framework to close CJTS and they plan to have a planning document by September or early October on closing CJTS. The current CJTS census is 55 boys (lowest ever, including raise the age population) and no girls.

Department of Labor – Department of Labor is moving forward with the IBEST (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) program in Hartford, as a part of the Governor's Second Chance Initiative.

V. Subcommittee Updates

PJOR – PJOR is working on the statewide recidivism reduction grant. PJOR will be the workgroup if Connecticut is awarded the grant. There was a survey sent out to the PJOR members regarding what populations to focus on with this grant, in addition to the parole population.

Behavioral health – This committee met recently and reviewed initiatives.

Victim issues – This committee has not had a meeting this year yet, but plans to have one in February.

Adjournment

Chairman Lawlor adjourned the meeting and reminded members that the next meeting is on February 25th, 2016. And congratulated John Santa who is acting as chair of the Sentencing Commission.