

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Chairman Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Gary Roberge*, Judicial Branch-CSSD; *Geralyn O'Neil-Wild*, CCADV; *Commissioner Semple*, DOC; *Brian Carlow*, Chief Public Defender; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney, *Laura Cordes*, Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Dora Schiro*, DESPP, *Josh Howroyd*, DCF, *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Department of Education, *Dr. Norko*, DMHAS, *Vilmaris Diaz-Doran*, BOPP, *Tom Saadi*, Department of Veterans Affairs

I. Introductions

Members from the commission introduced themselves.

Joined by photojournalist from FrontLine at this meeting

This meeting was broadcast on CT-N. <http://ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=14004>

II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. Federal Immigration Policy Update: Federal court order says there is not a way to require local and state law enforcement to carry out federal immigration responsibilities, and it appears that the administration cannot withhold grant funds with one exception that doesn't apply to Connecticut. Connecticut doesn't have a policy to prohibit communications with ICE and Connecticut is not on the sanctuary jurisdiction list.
- b. Governor Malloy and the first lady are planning a criminal justice conference in June, registration is now open, and the agenda should be out soon. The capacity is 350 and there has been a good response so far, there will be scholarships available to cover the cost of registration for those in need.
- c. The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website: http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/MonthlyIndicatorsReport_APRIL_2017.pdf
- d. Tracking of number of people held in DOC for drug for possession charges, since the second chance society law took effect in Oct 2015, very steady downward trend. Currently, pre-trial held on a controlling offense of 21a-279 is down 67%, down 58% for sentenced, and a total reduction is 61%. (For crimes committed after Oct 2015.)
- e. April Monthly Chart 2a: The Impact of internal and external factors on the sentenced population; answering the question: What is the natural decay in prison population and what are the internal and external factors that affect the prison population?
- f. Able to bring back 3 jail re-interview staff, which resulted in an increase prior to bringing those staff back despite cut backs in many other staff and programs.

III. Approval of Minutes from March 2017.

Minor edits were noted and are reflected in the March minutes.

IV Commission Correspondence

No Commission Correspondence

VI. Presentations

a. *Ivan Kuzyk, SAC Director, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management* General Recidivism and Recidivism for Sexual Offenses Presentation
http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20170427_recidivism_cjpac_presentation.pdf

VII. Agency Updates

DOC- The total population is down 6% from this time last year, sentenced population is down 8.2% and the accused population is up less than 1% (which does include parole violators). The community population is up 6.2% and the female population is down 3% and the home confinement (DUI) program has very low recidivism. Closed the annex at Corrigan-Radgowski Institution, which saves \$3.1 million a year.

CSSD – First quarter recidivism rates for adult services and probation, 24 month rate up half percentage but 3, 6, and 12 month rates are all down. FTA rate is steady at 14%, and the national rate is at 18-20%. Putting together an opioid conference on June 9th for the treatment providers working with DOC and DMHAS to prepare the conference, and plan for another one in the fall for state employees.

States Attorney's Office – They are prescreening a pilot projects in Bridgeport and Waterbury. In Connecticut 100% of people arrested appear in court, unlike going to the district attorney office in other states. The DA offices in other states have pre-screening units which assist in determining whether or not to file charges. Hoping to make better charging decisions prior to court.

Public Defender Office – no updates

DCF – CJTS census today is 48. Exploring alternatives to CJTS, RFI to providers for an alternative secure facility.

DMHAS – They were awarded an \$11 million grant from SAMHSA (partnered with DOC, DCF, CSSD) information can be found here: http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/lib/dmhas/publications/CT-STR_to_Opioid_Crisis.pdf

DESPP – 165 Narcan deployments from the start of the program and revived 155 people. All troops have drop boxes for old medicines. Responded over 1,000 DV called and a little over a half were deemed to be at risk of harm and offered a phone call to a local DV provider and 95% are accepting the trouper's offer for that call. Doing risk assessments and providing informational workshops for primarily faith based locations that are getting bomb threats. Hosted 12th annual emergency management conference last week, special focus on opioid crisis and cybersecurity.

CCADV – HB 7922 – expanding definition of strangulation and stalking. Butch Hyatt, director of law enforcement has left CCADV and this position has been filled. They are providing DV training to the marshal's office. They have held two trainings attended by over 80 advocates around immigration, working with greater Hartford legal aid and an officer from Salem for more training around visas and immigration.

BOPP – Last month the board had a total of 175 hearings with a grant rate of 54%.

Department of Education – Last month in Norwich the Department of Education commissioner and the governor had a press conference to highlight the efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism and release chronic absences prevention guide. Next Wednesday the State Board of Education annual meeting, a comprehensive report on school discipline will be presented at this meeting.

Department of Veterans affairs – Treating veteran patients on campus that commit non-violent offenses. Currently working on NGO driven legal support to veteran needs, conducting a survey. Establish a formal referral network for veterans who need individualized legal attention. Focus on ensuring they have support services and financial services they are entitled to has resulted in veterans moving toward more community based permanent housing and seeking out programs and carry out those support systems into their community life.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

PJOR – The May 18th meeting will be held at the Cheshire Correctional Institution to tour the recently opened TRUE youth offenders unit. They will be presented with the purpose of the unit and a tour at 9am.

Behavioral health – Committee will be talking about the services provided to the mental health and addiction population in light of the opioid crisis, specifically. Issues might include kinds of housing, employment available, the rules of the housing, and other issues, and develop recommendations.

Victim issues – no updates

VIII. Public Comment

No public Comment

IX. Adjournment

Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.