

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, October 26, 2017

## Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** *Chairman Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Gary Roberge*, CSSD, *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney, *Chris Rapillo*, Public Defenders Office, *Scott DeVico*, DESPP, *Loel Meckel*, DMHAS, *Jillian Gilchrest*, CCADV, *Commissioner Scott Semple*, DOC, *Vilmaris Dias*, BOPP, *Natasha Pierre*, OVA, *Humayun Beg*, CJIS, *Tammy Perdue Marzik*, DVA, *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Department of Education, *Josh Howroyd*, DCF

### I. Introductions

Members from the commission introduced themselves.

This meeting was not broadcast on CT-N.

### II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website: [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport\\_october\\_2017\\_final.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport_october_2017_final.pdf)
- b. A short review and discussion of the Monthly Indicators Report occurred.
- c. BERN/JAG grant has not been distributed by the DOJ to any states yet, including CT.
- d. The Connecticut state budget concerns include bail reform initiative, juvenile commitments and CJTS. The reduction in the DOC budget signifies a bipartisan acceptance that the DOC population continues to trend down.
- e. CJPPD will begin to evaluate recidivism among young people in an effort to create more descriptive, useful, and operational data product.
- f. Val LaMott from CJPPD retired.
- g. November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, CPTV will show "The Color of Justice" 2<sup>nd</sup> documentary.

### III. Approval of Minutes from September 2017.

### IV Commission Correspondence

No Commission Correspondence

### VI. Presentations

- a. No presentations this month

### VII. Agency Updates

**CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence** – lethality report and needs assessment will be funded this summer by private funds. New legislation directs more training on human trafficking, identification of signs about human trafficking and develop a plan regarding human trafficking: A Statewide Needs Assessment.

**BOPP** – Grant Rate of 53%, hearings are up since this past August, there were 17 people for PA15-84 and 17 were paroled, 367 expedited pardons so far this year, and just 33 last month, they are working with Yale on revocation and due process work

**DESPP** – Narcan has been used at the State Police since 2014, there have been 189 saves since 2014. DESPP is assisting hurricane evacuees from Puerto Rico with 211, the Red Cross, and Salvation Army to access resources.

**DMHAS** – The Alcohol and Drug Counsel created a Criminal Justice Subcommittee. There is a law enforcement assisted diversion process for people who committed low level crimes stemming from an addiction, they are making that connection with treatment systems to avoid prosecution

**Public Defenders Office** – The Bar Association has an opioid task force. New London has developed a program in court to divert people in the opioid crisis with money from private sources. Public Defenders office is getting concerned calls regarding ICE activity with their clients at court. They are doing a case work flow and case management study investigating their work.

**Chief States Attorney** – Prosecutors have been working with police on diversion options into treatment pathways in New London, Bridgeport and Waterbury. They have been doing Lead Screening is after arrest and before prosecution, and are working with the Center for Court Innovation to analyze this diversion program. They are also working on unsolved cold case homicides leads they receive from playing cards.

**CJIS** – Mr. Humayun Beg began work as the Executive Director at CJIS about a month ago. CJIS is cataloging information from arrest until that record leaves the system and are looking forward to the work ahead of them.

**CSSD** – CSSD noted that last CJPAC meeting an issue was brought up about cash bond and DV cases by Karen Jarmoc, and after looking into it there were 376 cash bonds, but they may have other bonds, 133 of those 376 are DV cases, 61 of them had cash only bonds. CSSD reported that the treatment pathways program in Bridgeport is now also up and running in Torrington, and going to expand to New London on Monday. Lastly, a new law regarding restitution came into effect on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and recidivism numbers are trending down in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

**DCF** – Pending approval of the new State Budget, CJTS will transfer from DCF to CSSD, so DCF will collaborate with CSSD and are still perusing closure of CJTS. The RFP closed on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, they are looking at 3 programs of 16 beds operated by 5 providers and are in the process of reviewing those proposals. The bill includes bond funds to permit providers to receive this money to accommodate the population.

**OVA** – OVA reported that violations of notifications issues recently went to a superior court to be resolved concerning anti-appeal legislation which can impact the constitution. Victim Rights Awareness Week is coming up in April and on April 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a symposium happening.

**DVA** – no report at this time

**DOC** – The Department of Education toured MYI. They are using the recidivism reduction grant and are focusing on the female population because it's not dropping as rapidly as the male population. An emerging adult unit is extending to York in the spring.

**Department of Education** – Five states have come together to report on school discipline reform as model states, Connecticut was included in this discussion. They are looking into school based arrests and exclusionary discipline and specifically in racial disparities and trauma. The Department of Education is participating in a yearlong campaign regarding attendance called “Attend Today,

Achieve Tomorrow” <https://www.attendtodayct.org/> There are half a million students in Connecticut and roughly about 50,000 of them are chronically absent

**VI. Subcommittee Updates**

**Victim issues** –Next meeting is on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2:30-4:30 at the CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence

**VIII. Public Comment**

No public Comment

**IX. Adjournment**

Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.