

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Mike Lawlor, Undersecretary, Office of Policy and Management, *Gary Roberge*, Executive Director, Court Support Services Division, *Humayun Beg*, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Information System, *Liza Andrews*, Director of Public Policy and Communications, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Tracy Miller*, Post-Conviction Victim Services Director, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Dora Schriro*, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, *Tammy Marzek*, Manager of Community Advocacy, Department of Veterans Affairs, *Rich Sparaco*, Executive Director, Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles, *Scott Semple*, Commissioner, Department of Corrections; *Chris Rapillo*, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office, *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Chief Operating Officer, State Department of Education

I. Introductions

- a. This meeting was broadcast on CTN. <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=15419>
- b. Members present introduced themselves.

II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. Welcome was provided by Chairperson Mike Lawlor.
- b. Chairperson Mike Lawlor reviewed the Monthly Indicator Report in detail.
- c. A brief recap ensued of two events that occurred recently: Reimagining Justice at the Cheshire Correctional Institution on May 30th, 2018 and Connecticut State Forum on Public Safety at the University of New Haven on June 25th, 2018.
- d. About to begin a new budget year and everybody is struggling to work within the confines of the budget adopted, and everybody is doing more with less and working with limited resources.

III. Approval of Minutes from May 2018

- a. Minutes were approved.

IV. Commission Correspondence

- a. No Commission Correspondence

VI. Presentation

- a. CSSD Presentation: Update: Transfer of Juvenile Justice Functions from DCF to Judicial Branch by Tasha Hunt, Julie Ravez, and Deborah Fuller

VII. Agency Updates

Public Defenders Office – The public defender's office consolidating juvenile and child welfare unit with juvenile post-conviction unit to have a broad base of staff to work on these cases. Civil Gideon pilot program provide representation to indigent respondents and temp restraining orders in Waterbury starting on Monday, including a part-time social worker hopeful to link with domestic violence docket in Waterbury also.

DESPP – 258 calls for service for Opioid overdoses and 246 have been revived since the beginning of the program. Troopers have screened almost 2,900 victims for the LAP onsite. Seasonal reminder for auto thefts trend up in the summer. DESPP created a cybercrime investigation unit in the last year, and the FBI claims that computer crimes are trending up. CT places 30 in 50 state for incidents of cybercrime.

State and local police are working together to make significant arrests including weapons and gang members.

DOC – Effective Sunday transitioning health care from UCONN to DOC, which will most likely take until the end of the calendar year. Opening the WORTH unit on July 9th at York CI at 10 am, the unit is up and running right now.

BOPP – 164 hearings, 96 paroles resulting in a 59% grant rate and 55 cases granted for pardons, 71% of those were through the expedited process. Working on an agreement of a new more efficient database to process all applications electronically for pardons.

DVA – Annual Stand down will be September 21st 2018, DVA has great partnerships in the state, looking forward to this event.

SDE – Commissioner Wentzel was selected with 11 other state commissioner to join a national school safety committee. They are identifying best practices and determining guidance.

CSSD – National Association of pretrial service to reaccredited CSSD pretrial bail component. Only state wide pretrial system accredited in the country. Beginning Treatment pathway program 4th location starting in Waterbury.

DCF – They are beginning a new innovative treatment program for youth with drug abuse issues– assert treatment model – which can serve up to 94 youth at any time. And it is the first of its kind in the country.

CJIS – CISS application is at final testing phase and already hearing success stories from users, saving many man-days of collecting data effort. Can be used for public consumption once privacy concerns are addressed. Front line law enforcement professionals will have access as well as the ability to use the CJIS to assist in policy and planning in the criminal justice world.

CCADV – PA 18-5 dominate aggressor to law hopeful this will reduce the dual arrest rate. CCADV meeting with other state agencies to assist in developing outcomes and goals around this new law. This law will go into effect on January 1, 2019. They are also working on the Civil Gideon Program with other agencies to help with the restraining order applicant side.

CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – Post-conviction victim advocates spoke in the community about the collaborative model of sex offender supervision and the advocates’ roll. Recently presented at wheeler clinic in collaboration with probation and a therapist. They do this training 2 a year. After the Re Imaging Justice Conference the victim’s panel was asked to speak at Hartford superior court. Finishing the fiscal year, and they are expecting a 25-30% jump in victims that they will be serving across the state.

DMHAS – CT alcohol and drug council formed a criminal justice subcommittee and recently had a presentation, and they noticed there is an uptick in number of people revived by EMS and those people aren’t reporting regular use of opioids. Outpatient substance abuse clinic see very few people with alcohol only use, most people use multiple drugs which complicates treatment.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

PJOC – no update

Behavioral health – meeting in the future

Victim issues – The Reimagining Justice Conference -Victim’s Panel was brought to Hartford Prosecutors Office. Many people attended the training and they felt like they made progress on big issues like restitution fairly quickly after the meeting, so they felt like that was a successful meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

No public Comment

IX. Adjournment

Chairperson Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting.