

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, November 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Mike Lawlor, Office of Policy and Management; *Gary Roberge*, Executive Court Support Services Division; *Humayun Beg*, Criminal Justice Information System; *Karen Jarmoc*, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence; *Bill Hackett*, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Carleton Giles*, Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Scott Semple*, Department of Correction; *Chris Rapillo*, Division of Public Defender Services; *Natasha Pierre*, Office of the Victim Advocate; *Dr. Michael Norko*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; *Kevin Lawlor*, Chief State's Attorney; *Judge Pat Carroll*, Judicial Department, *Tom Saadi*, Department of Veteran Affairs

I. Introductions

1. This meeting was broadcast on CTN.
<http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=15787>
2. Members present introduced themselves.

II. Welcome

1. Welcome was provided by Chairperson Mike Lawlor.
2. Review and discussion of the Monthly Indicators Report by Mike Lawlor.
3. Mike Lawlor mentioned the Lamont transition team and process, specifically about criminal justice reform – including the marijuana legalization, RREC, TRUE Unit, ReEntry strategies, clean slate legislation, opioid crisis strategies and gun violence prevention. – more information at this link: <https://www.lamonttransition.org/>
4. Mike suggested that the CSG Justice Center is an interesting website to visit for this group- which can be found here: <http://restoration.ccresourcecenter.org/>

III. Presentation

ReEntry Strategy Update presentation by *Andrew Clark*, IMRP Director and *Daryl McGraw*, Criminal Justice Consultant

IV. Agency Updates

BOPP – There were 26 pardons through the expedited process and 16 through the full hearing process, and they are grateful to the court administrator for their pardon hearings assistance.

Department of Veterans Affairs – CT was the first in the nation to pass an Other Than Honorable (OTH) discharge bill into law so veterans can get access to state-based benefits if they were discharged from the US Military with an OTH discharge and suffering from either PTS/PTSD, TBI, or a victim of Military Sexual Trauma and have been diagnosed by a federal clinician and it is more likely than not that one of a combination of those diagnosis led to their OTH discharge. The law went into effect by Oct 1 and picked up by national media. More information can be found at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/OTH-Qualifying-Condition-Verification> . This bill goes hand in hand with the concept of second change society.

CCADV – Previous presentation to CJPAC about the value of standards and accountability when there's an arrest in a family violence charge. There was a PA 15-211 passed in 2016, which created standards for when an offender is arrested in a family violence situation. Part of PA 15-211, which can be found here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2015/ACT/pa/pdf/2015PA-00211-R00SB-01105-PA.pdf> . There was an advisory committee tasked with ongoing oversight (more information on that committee can be found here: <http://www.ctcadv.org/domestic-violence->

offender-program-standards) – and they continue to have concerns that these standards were being ignored. With some support by OPM they were able to get researchers from CCSU to do a study. And the study can be found here: http://www.ctcadv.org/files/3215/4145/2490/DV_Offender_Standards_Final_Report_CCSU_10.18.pdf. The study found that indeed the standards were having minimal or no affect changing the court processing of domestic violence offenders.

Victim advocate – The Office of The Victim Advocate is hosting a free viewing of The Amendment on January 16, 2019 at the State Capitol. More information and to reserve a spot visit this link: <https://www.ct.gov/ova/site/default.asp>

DESPP – There were 285 calls and 273 lives saved with the Narcan program. Gov. Malloy applied for federal disaster assistance for Middlesex and New London counties for flooding in September. If approved federal reimbursement for 75%. And 2 cell phone applications – CT Safe and CT Prepares.

Judicial Branch – CT was first in nation to do Risk Warrant or Red Flag laws – and Judge Carroll presented on these laws in August and this law is viewed as a model to other states and there have been no appellate attacks on this law in CT. (Been held up as a model in other states – even though its 20 years old at this point in CT.) Opioid task force met 2 times and a 3rd meeting in December – completed draft report – decided against opioid intervention courts in CT – not the most cost effective nor treatment affective way to go – but rather the treatment pathways program. The report can be found at this link: https://www.jud.ct.gov/Committees/Opioid_taskforce/Opioid_TF_Report_112918.pdf. Challenged on JJ Transfer, attempts to secure a provider for a locked secure facility.

Court Support Service Division – Continue to make process of JJ Transfer and 2 staff secure programs are ready for taking kids in the next couple weeks but still challenged to find a secure facility in community - re issue this RFP in the beginning of next year. Adult performance metrics are as follows: FVEP 2017 12.45 % year to date 11.66%, Explore 26 week post-Conviction 2017 13.19% year to date 14.49%, and Evolve 52 week 2017 15.11 % year to date 15.06%. The probation 24 Month re-arrest rate 2017 38.6 % year to date 38.6 %, and Bail FTA Rate 2017 14.4% year to date 14.9, the national average is about 24% for FTA rates. And lastly, Jail re-interview is back to full staffing (3 additional staff) as of November 23. Very positive results from the JRI program, so this will only help that.

DMHAS – Risk Warrant Law is a gateway for mental health treatment. Jeff Swanson did research on the Risk Warrant Law and another study comparing to a similar Indiana law will be up for publication soon. (Total number of risk warrants issues in 213 issues until Nov 1st this year, and for 2017 – 175 issues, and in 2010 there were 80, and in 2005 there were 32.

CJIS – Completed developments for Phase I, it's already in use by several agencies and there are some improvements in January. Efforts moving toward more usage out of it, transitioning to deployment phase and getting more users on, they are reaching out to police departments and connecting with RMS systems (Police and Incident Reports etc.). CJIS will make process of moving electronic information between criminal justice agencies and improve this workflow and

alleviate paper usage. NextGen (RMS provider) has 42 police dept. and state police – they finished Phase I and are working on Phase 2 which will bring in all the attachments – which opens up a big group of PDs that can work through CJIS now. But there is a tech challenge to get the PDs connectivity and other issues like auditing. Looking to deploy to about 13,000 users, right now it's deployed to 1,600 and only 800 are actually using it – the rest are going through training. The end of 2019 goal is to get to half of the users to use CJIS. They are still working out where these rules lie in relation to this access and who will be looking over this exactly (state police commuter crimes unit, federal agency, etc.) – CJIS is looking into these statuses more.

Public Defenders – More resources put toward hiring new social workers, after a number of them were laid off and/ or retired, after 4 years they were able to hire for Hartford , Bridgeport, new haven, and 2 juvenile offices, and provide support in new London – places that have TPP or are high need places. Also, they are looking for grand funding to enhance the social work program, cross accessing services expansion options as well, in Waterbury (TRO) is currently happening. The PD office is invested in the Poverty Simulator – a half day program – offered to professionals in the criminal justice system – to show what it's like to navigate the criminal justice system and are experiencing poverty.

Division of Criminal Justice – final stages of screening and early intervention pilot project in several courts with support from the center for court innovation – final stages of collecting data for a report in the near future for CJPAC and legislation, Analyzing data and finalizing collecting from Gas in the past couple year. Early indications are positive outcomes, the goal is to reduce both number of court appearance and improving quality of outcomes of low level offenders. Hopeful for a report in the near future and use these best practices. This dovetails nicely with the opioid taskforce.

DOC – Total incarceration pop of today is 13,356 down 577 since last year, a 4.1% decrease. Sent pop is largest decrease of 6.1% and accused is up slightly a little over 1%, same with the community population and total female population has been flat line since this time last year. Officially received reentry planning grant through DOJ BJA – 185,000 planning grant for 12 months and it qualifies CT for another grant (12 million). This grant focuses on employment and requires CJPAC and PJOR subcommittee and including an advisory group as to where they should invest for employment opportunities. Mr. John Santa is already on board as well as Mr. Cox from CCSU. DOC is implementing tablets into the system to keep the population with access to some level of secure technology. DOC has gone through a long process to firm up that contract and is close to an approval, hope to have this contract in place before Jan.1. DOC hopes to see an impact on the prison environment.

V. Subcommittee Updates

PJOC – no update

Behavioral health – Recently taking stock of agenda and mission and realized they haven't engaged in any actionable items like in the past. So they decided to target the population of people involved in CJ system with dual diagnosis – mental health and substance abuse disorders. They are looking into proposals to try to address that population. Pre-trial and in-reach into DOC and identifying these people and helping them transition of reentry. They will up their meetings

to every other month now.
Victim issues – no update

VI. Public Comment

No public Comment

VII. Adjournment

Chairperson Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting.
Next Meeting is Thursday December 27th, 2018.