

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

## Thursday, May 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

*Marc Pekla*, Office of Policy and Management, *Tammy Marzik*, Department of Veterans Affairs, *Melvin Medina*, ACLU, *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Board of Education, *Rollin Cook*, Department of Corrections, *Carlton Giles*, Board of Pardons and Paroles, *Loel Meckel*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, *James Ravella*, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, *Christine Rapillo*, Chief Public Defender, *Karen Jarmoc*, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *John Santa*, Santa Energy and Sentencing Commission, *Richard Cho*, CT Coalition to End Homelessness, *Vincent Russo*, Department of Children and Families, *Kevin Lawlor*, Division of Criminal Justice, *Tracey Miller*, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Humayun Beg*, Criminal Justice Information System, *Gary Roberge*, Court Support Services Division, *Natasha Pierre*, Office of the Victim Advocate, and *Judge Pat Carroll*, Judicial Department and representatives from AC Linen Norwich, Wickcraft Group LLC, Greater Hartford / New Britain Building Trades Council, and Laz Corp.

### I. Opening Remarks

- Marc Pelka gave introductory remarks
- Commissioner Cook gave remarks regarding successful reentry improving employment outcomes for the DOC population
- John Santa gave remarks about the Industry Business Advisory Group to bring together employers and formerly incarcerated peoples
- Various business leaders from CT businesses were present and gave their thoughts and intricacies of having hired formerly incarcerated people
- CJPAC was broadcast on CTN <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=16398>
- April minutes were approved by committee members

### II. Presentation and Discussion

- Improving Employment Outcomes for People with Criminal Histories, *Erica Nelson*, *Policy Analyst for Council of State Governments Justice Center*
- Further remarks and discussion were provided by representatives from CT businesses that have hired formerly incarcerated people
- Rapid rehousing intended help people connect with housing, providing shallow short term rental assistance. However, this is dependent on access to jobs
- Domestic Violence Organizations use the Victim Compensation Fund and the Rapid Rehousing Project when advocating for housing, stability and trauma for victims. Domestic Violence advocates working with housing advocates. Rapid rehousing is not a long term stable fix, so employment piece is critical

### **III. Agency Updates**

- No agency updates were given at this meeting

### **IV. Subcommittee Updates**

- No subcommittee updates were given at this meeting

### **V. Adjournment**

- Next meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup>, there will not be a presentation at this meeting
- Chairperson Marc Pelka adjourned the meeting