

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

## Thursday, September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

Marc Pelka – Office of Policy and Management, Chief Kenny – CT Police Chiefs Association, Tracy Miller – The Alliance to End Sexual Violence, Carlton Giles – Board of Pardons and Parole, Rollin Cook – Department of Corrections, GERALYN O'NEIL-WILD – CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Natasha Pierre – State Victims Advocate, Richard Cho – CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Vincent Russo – Department of Children and Families, Judge Carroll – CT Judicial Branch, Gary Roberge – Court Support Services Division, Dr. Norko – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, John Day – Public Defenders Office, Humayun Beg – Criminal Justice Information System, Kevin Kane – Chief State's Attorney, Brian Foley – Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Charlene Russell-Tucker was not present at the September 2019 CJPAC meeting because of out-of-state travel.

### I. Opening Remarks

- Marc Pelka gave introductory remarks
- CJPAC was broadcast on CTN <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=16733>
- June minutes were approved by Commission members
- Marc Pelka suggested shifting start time to 10 am for next month and possibly changing December meeting to a week earlier and asked for topics for upcoming CJPAC meetings

### II. Presentation and Discussion

- *Kyle Baudoin*, Lead Planning Analyst, Statistical Analysis Center – Office of Policy and Management – Criminal Justice Trends Presentation
- *Richard Cho*, Chief Executive Officer – CT Coalition to End Homelessness – Reducing Homelessness for People in the Criminal Justice System Presentation

### III. Agency Updates

Chief Kenny – CT Police Chiefs Association – Participating in Project Hope Initiative with assistance of DMHAS grant money to launch the program. Someone coming in with substance abuse looking for help, identifies themselves to a police officer, they won't make an arrest, and they will confiscate the narcotics on the person and send them to the hospital. Where they are cared for by an addiction coach and not brought in the system. They have had 6 people approach them so far. They are still responding to overdose issues, and hope this initiative will help change the tide.

Tracy Miller – The Alliance to End Sexual Violence – The alliance recently teamed up with CCADV, coaches and athletes to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault by introducing the

Coaching Boys to Men Campaign. This campaign works with Hartford High School football team to have short 15 min conversations on a weekly basis. Tracy presented at a conference in July in collaboration with Pennsylvania state victim advocate – 2 highlights were: low recidivism rates for sex offenders in CT and the collaboration they do with probation and parole. Lastly, they hired a justice involved advocacy coordinator to provide technical assistance and work collaboratively with sexual assault victim advocates and providers who provide services to survivors of sexual assault who have been involved in the criminal justice system.

Carlton Giles – Board of Pardons and Paroles – Mr. Giles introduced many members of the board: Jennifer Zaccagnini, Carmen Sierra, Nancy Turner, Joy Chance, Ms. Pamela Richards, Ms. Kelly Smayda, Ms. Terry Borjeson, Vilmaris Diaz and Leigh Floody.

Rollin Cook – Department of Correction – Total incarceration 12,908 down 585 which is 4.3%, of that the sent population is 9,267, down 2.2% and pretrial is at 3,641 down 376 which is 9.4% decrease. The community population is up 41 people, which is up .9%, and the female pop is at 941, down 2.8%.

Geralyn O'Neil-Wild – CCADV – launched an 18 month assessment of legal advocate services provided to survivors. Looking at data, conducting surveys, interviews, and focus groups with survivors and enhance safety of victims involved in the system. November 1<sup>st</sup> launching the Safe Connect initiative, which is to condense 18 hotlines to 1 statewide line. Housing that hotline under CCADV, victim and survivors will be able to call, text, email and chat on that hotline for services, they have 35 staff and a director, a clinical supervisor, a director of quality assurance, three safe connect program managers, and 29 advocacy coordinators. 70% of staff are bilingual in Spanish and English and in addition the staff speak 9 other languages. They will be slowly rolling all of the hotlines into one hotline. CCADV is moving its office to Glastonbury, next to CSSD.

Natasha Pierre – State Victims Advocate – See Victim's Issue Subcommittee updates

Richard Cho – CT Coalition to End Homeless – No Updates

Vincent Russo – Department of Children and Families – Working with DOC and CT Children with Incarcerated Parents, for a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice which they have been earmarked for a grant to provide parents in prison services and specialists including housing and employment. And hopefully they can track the outcomes upon release.

Judge Carroll – CT Judicial Branch – Continued to be challenged on the juvenile justice front, a challenge to find a secure locked facility. The funding that supports the JRI staff is on shaking grounds, so if they lose that funding, they will have to be transitioned to standard adult probation caseloads and off of JRI needs. All criminal judges are undergoing their annual training today and tomorrow, and Judge Carroll will relay the special parole concern to them.

Gary Roberge – CSSD – Juvenile services executive a contract for one secure program in Hamden, the final designs are with the architect and hopefully the program will be up and running next summer. Another staff secure program in Hartford, to transition these kids out of detention facilities. Alt in the community and transition houses and statewide sex offender treatment services will be all going out to RFP out for bid. These opportunities are open to the public. The Administrative Services Unit and Program Services Unit in the branch to get these RFP out and then reviewing them. Trust Act is effective 10/1, CSSD wrote a policy specific to this new law. Probation officers and affects bail staff a little, the policy CSSD wrote will apply to the whole division, not to communicate with ICE with respect to civil detainers, which they did in the past, unless the person has an A or B felony conviction, a judicial warrant, or on the terrorist watch list. Same thing for allowing access to information on any of their clients. In a couple days they will terminate access to Judicial Electronic Bridge, which law enforcement have access to, for ICE. On Monday they got a grant called creating safer communities. 18-24 on adult probation recidivate at a 2 year rate is about 2/3, overall is at 38.5%, so it's almost double the rate. So, CSSD will concentrate on that group of kids, have a pilot program in Hartford, use Predict Risk Assessment on these kids, the LSIR doesn't do a great job on women or young adults. Targeted case management by Alt. in the community program and CBT engagement model, training all probation staff on this. Another part of the grant in New Haven, the same age group, they will work with the prosecutors in New Haven, and they will meet with the defendants in New Haven and just talk to them about what would happen if they come back in on gun charges, more of a deterrent model, a project safe neighborhoods feel to the program. Then Bridgeport will be the control group. The grant is for \$614,000 over 3 years.

Dr. Norko – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – SAMPSA providing 500 units of Narcan to police departments, so they have distributed about half of them. The rest they are looking to distribute to towns that do not have police departments. CT Risk warrant gun seizure data, first state in country to have such a law in 1991, lately a lot of media interest in it. In 2013-2017, every year there were between 150-183, then in 2017, 175, then in 2018 there were 260 – which is a huge jump. Not sure of the explanation, but looking into this more.

John Day – Public Defenders Office – They have a grant to get a new VISTA Volunteer to make a connection to the communities, map out the best way to have a close connection to the staff in those towns and the community in general. Working to enhance connection to veterans as they come into the system to have a better outcome.

Humayun Beg – CJIS – going to let go of the vender at the end of the month. Testing final release, hoping to have system up and running by mid-November. The back end is ready, now they have to bring different agencies into it. Looking to get data into the system, working on “on-ramps” and “off-ramps”. Working with police departments to develop interfaces, and working with the prosecutor's office. As more data comes in, they are working with OPM to analyze the data and make it useful.

Kevin Kane – Chief State’s Attorney – Getting the Case Management System up and running is a big step that has been in the making of years. Working on pilot in Middlesex. Thank DOC for their new human resource manager for Chief State’s Attorney Office, they just hired 18 prosecutors. Reinstating a training system they had ready in 2008, but just got to hire people now.

Brian Foley – DESPP – Thank OPM for help on project longevity. Echo Chief Kenny on diversion programs. Homeless training and outreach is going to be continued in DESPP from Commissioner Rovella include bring homeless charities to the academy to talk to the troops. Enjoy working with BOPP, to indigent status to not have to face state fees. They found 15 constabularies that could use Narcan.

#### **IV. Subcommittee Updates**

PJOR – had a presentation on the trends and the ARES grant.

Victim’s issues subcommittee – met earlier this morning, had a presentation by CSG about youth initiative. OVS / Judicial branch is seeking the victim’s needs assessment – A thanks to Judge Carroll for approving resources for that assessment.

#### **V. Adjournment**

- Next meeting is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- Chairperson Marc Pelka adjourned the meeting