

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, February 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Marc Pelka – Office of Policy and Management, *Gary Roberge* – Court Support Services Division, *Patrick Carroll* – Judicial Branch, *Charlene Russell-Tucker* – State Department of Education, *Humayun Beg* – Criminal Justice Information System, *Chris Rapillo* – Office of the Chief Public Defenders, *Rich Colangelo* – Chief State’s Attorney, *Carlton Giles* – Board of Pardons and Paroles, *Cheryl Cepelak* – Department of Corrections, *James Rovella* – Department of Emergency Services and Protection, *Tracy Miller* – CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Dr. Richard Cho* – CT Coalition to End Homelessness, *Dr. Michael Norko* – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

I. Opening Remarks

- Marc Pelka gave introductory remarks
- CJPAC was not broadcast on CTN
- January minutes were approved by Commission members

II. Presentation and Discussion

- *Kyle Baudoin, Lead Planning Analyst, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division – OPM* – Monthly Indicators Report Overview and Discussion
- *Charlene Russell-Tucker, Deputy Commissioner of Education and Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer, State Department of Education* Presentation on the 2018-2019 Report on Student Discipline in Connecticut Public Schools.

III. Agency Updates

Board of Pardons and Paroles – Yesterday was the first early termination from supervision hearing. There is an estimated of about 60 each month. The E-pardons system soon to debut. The Pardons hearings continue at about 1 per month.

CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – This is Tracy Miller’s last meeting with the Alliance, she is leaving for the state advocate. But the Alliance is working on their legislative agenda during the session.

State Attorney Office – The DCJ case management system received juridical data yesterday. There is a pilot in Middletown and a roll out to everyone by the end of the year.

Chief Public Defender’s Office – Thank to you to Tracy Miller. And Thank you to judicial for the GA 2 incident and giving additional security. There will be a lot of people retiring in the next years so there is an internal leadership program with 6 sessions that will be occurring to help the transition.

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – DMHAS said farewell to Loel Meckel. Chris Burke will be filling his role.

Criminal Justice Information System – CJIS Base is ready. Working to help DCJ to implement case management system. They are working with the State police and Clinton PD, GA 6 and DESPP IT people. Because a letter “X” has been added to the DMV for gender, CJIS is working to apply the X field to the other CJ Systems. They are also working and having conversations around the Clean Slate coordination.

Judicial Branch – They are working with CISS for efforts relating to Clean Slate initiatives. But most of the work would have to be done by hand – a manual effort – because the records are on paper forms. There was a press conference yesterday to broaden the proposal. The fiscal note is a large part due to the manual labor. The first priority of the judicial branch is the safety of courts and security. There are uniformed armed police I 5 locations. They are dipping into the OE account for that security, so they are already in a deficit. They are thankful to DESPP for providing police. The victim was a defendant.

CSSD – Thank you to Tracy for all her work at the Alliance. The Center for Court Innovation will be at GA 2 to do an analysis of DV Best Practices – Intimate Partner Violence. They are Prepping a Report to be released later this year. The Rapid Re-Housing Pilot in New Haven has 8 probation clients place and 7 more preparing. 12-month redivision rare for 2018 is 38.8%, in 2019 it was 39%. The FTA rate for 2018 was 14.2% and for 2019 is 16%. New Arrest Rate on Release in 2018 was 27.5% and in 2019 is 25.6%. Released to a non-financial bond was 14.8 % in 2018 and 14.1% in 2019. And the Rearrests rate for Evolve Explore Program was 14.3% in 2018 and 13% in 2019.

Office of Policy and Management – Working on clean slate legislation, a governor’s bill (HB 5019). There was a press conference by Sen. Winfield, Rep. Stafstrom, and others yesterday to widen the scope of the bill.

CT Coalition to End Homelessness – Training for probation officers hard work and problem-solving to reduce homelessness. Working with CSSD on the Rapid Rehousing Project in New Haven and with DOC Housing on Identification of inmates. DESPP Police Academy Presentation. HB 5122 – Reduce Housing Denials due to criminal Convictions. HB 5242 – Address homelessness of people released from DOC and program modeled off the Rapid Rehousing Pilot.

Chiefs of Police Association – The 2nd circuit denial of Byrne JAG and COPS grants will be a big issue in the future for them.

DOC – 12,459 people currently in the DOC. All the trends are down. They are working with Dr. Cho about DOC Release housing. Sen. Murphy visited the WORTH unit at York. Collaborating with Community Colleges. Responding to daily requests from the legislature.

Department of Emergency Services and Protection – 127 offers made to state police recruits. They are preparing for the COVID-19 with their COOP Plans and they will advise town emergency managers further.

Subcommittee Updates

Mental Health – There will be a meeting next week.

PJOR – Sneak Peak on the monthly population forecast conversation.

V. Adjournment

- Next meeting is March 26th at LOB Room 1A
- Chairman Pelka adjourned the meeting