

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

## Thursday, January 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

*Marc Pelka* – Office of Policy and Management, *John Santa*, Sentencing Commission, *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, *Tammy Marzik* – Department of Veterans Affairs, *Rich Sparaco* – Board of Pardons and Paroles, *Rollin Cook* – Department of Corrections, *James Ravello* – Department of Emergency Services and Protection, *Tracy Miller* – CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *David Gonzalez-Rice* – CT Coalition to End Homelessness, *Loel Meckel* – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services *Vinnie Russo* – Department of Children and Families, *Rick Healey* – Public Member

### I. Opening Remarks

- Marc Pelka gave introductory remarks
- CJPAC was not broadcast on CTN
- December 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
- *Dr. Cox, Central Connecticut State University, Maria Pirro-Simmons, Superintendent SD 1, DOC, Trina Sexton, Deputy Warden, CT DOC* – Presentation on ARES Grant and Discussion

### III. Agency Updates

Rich Sparaco – Board of Pardons and Paroles – At the end of the year, there were 848 people paroled 855 people denied. 511 Pardons and 82 COEs. In 2019, there was an 83% grant rate for pardons, 50% grant rate for parole. January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, they finalized the Early Discharge Policy, similar to CSSD's framework of early termination. The first docket to be heard is scheduled for Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and is beginning with people on annual supervision. E-pardons applications live date is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

James Ravello – Department of Emergency Services and Protection – DESPP has 20 new state troopers and will have another 120 new in March. They are doing a new recruitment now. There was a weekend Bridgeport shooting spree (Project Longevity, and Police Presence for Narcotics and Auto Theft) The finger print backlog is going down. Currently the major threats are cyber threats from Iran and China, there will be a CTIC summer makeover.

Rick Healey – Public Member – His is a private attorney and has been a public member of CJPAC for over 20 years, no update.

David Gonzalez-Rice – CT Coalition to End Homelessness – They conducted a Point in Time Census Count in January 2020 in New London; those numbers will be coming out soon. Thank you to DESPP for the 1<sup>st</sup> community day to address cadets. Working with CAN and street outreach to partner with police departments. And thanks to CSSD to be part of the Rapid Rehousing Tour.

Judge Carroll – Judicial Branch – Monday shooting in Bridgeport was near the courthouse. Employees were affected at the Courthouse. Thank you to the Marshals Services who gave first aid to the victims and locked down the courtrooms and kept people calm. Security Services at courthouses are understaffed. Thank you to the state police and Bridgeport police. Pandemic Planning is occurring at the judicial branch. Plans are in place for Continuity of Operations even during a pandemic. Thank you to Loel for his service considering his retirement soon.

Gary Roberge – CSSD – Juvenile Justice progress, CSSD executed a contract with CPIA for a secure facility in Hamden, that bid closes today, 8 beds initially, and another 8 beds by the end for the year- the plan is to have that operational by August. An informational session was on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. CSSD already opened two staff secure facilities in Waterbury and Milford, and another one will be opened in Hartford in March. The aim of this is to get the kids out of the detention centers. Thanks to Loel, they got clinicians in courts. Chief Kenny was able to get a veteran indicator on the UAR, possibly to be included in the next version. CSSD will be involved in CTIC more and CSSD will be involved in the Governor's taskforce on vulnerable populations and the sentencing commission.

Humayun Beg – Criminal Justice Information System – CJIS has had a governing board meeting and provided with an update. Working on GA 9 testing and working with the state police, prosecutors, and judicial branch to get their systems ready. The DMV has given a new class (x). so this impacts the flow of information because no one else in their system uses that designation.

Charlene Russel-Tucker – State Department of Education – They are 6 months into a new commissioner. His priority is to blur the lines between state agencies. They are having school safety meetings and conversations. They are collaborating regarding homelessness and the US Census. In 2017 there were hurricanes that displaced many students into CT. Next month they would like to present at CJPAC.

Chris Rapillo – Chief Public Defender's Office – Monday was a hard day for court employees, people in the courthouse kept working and provided information and treated people respectfully. They support additional building safety measures. They are having an ongoing conversation with the sentencing commission about bail reform. Data is important for reform and for the conversation.

Tracy Miller – CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – Justice involved advocacy coordinator has had meetings with member centers. And in the future, they will involve more stakeholders. They are working with the reentry roundtables, so that if someone discharges and if they are also a victim of a sexual assault, they can be matched with services.

Tammy Marzik – Department of Veterans Affairs – No update at this time

Loel Meckel – DMHAS – Thank you to the work being done on the ARES Grant, that overlaps with DMHAS. Thankful to be a part of this group and is very impressed with CJPAC. He wishes that the general public would be more aware of this unique meeting and so that they could be proud of the work being done by this group for the criminal justice realm in Connecticut.

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

No Updates

#### **V. Adjournment**

- Next meeting is February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the LOB Room 1A
- Chairman Pelka adjourned the meeting at 11:09 am