

Agenda

Research/Forecasting Group

July 18, 2007

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, CSSD

Agency Updates

- BOPP
- CCSU
- CSSD
- DOC
- OPM
- State of CT Judicial Branch

Additional Participation - New Members Update

- DMHAS [**Proposed: Alfred Bidorini**]
- DOC [**Invited: Fred Levesque**]
- DPS [**Someone from the Crimes Analysis Unit e.g. Mary Lansing**]
- Others [**DSS/Labor, etc.**]

Monthly Indicators Report

- **Reformat/Improve Presentation of the Document**
New summary added to highlight important changes/trends with some analysis of data from 2005 through July 2007
- **Accuracy of forecasting methodology used for monthly report**
[June's report six-month forecast (and others going forward) corrected based on monthly changes in the prison population for the past five years]

Conference call with Dr. James Austin on June 29th

- Offer of Technical Assistance from Council of State Governments
Dr. Austin will be visiting OPM to present information about his simulation model and to discuss technical assistance opportunities
 - Discussion of current Forecasting model/methodology
 - Discussion of Recidivism Report – suggested including technical violations; recidivism by length of stay; sentences greater than one year
 - Discussion of current Monthly Indicators Report – suggested upfront summary page highlighting major changes and reasons; adding section on length of stay and looking at California DOC six-month forecast

Update on Sentencing Task Force

- First meetings of four subcommittees
- Possible Data/Research Requirements

Annual Offender Re-Entry Strategy Document

- Need to move from the descriptive to the analytical
- Catalogue which programs have been evaluated
- Which programs have measurable data
- Performance measurement/evaluation of re-entry programs
- Cost benefit analysis of re-entry programs
- Potential involvement of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Recidivism Studies Update

- Methodology for next recidivism report
- SAC and CSSD's recidivism study

Other Information Sharing

- OPM Web Site – Launch Date: Week of July 16, 2007
New URL: www.ct.gov/opm
- Access and review of Research Content Areas; planned participation for workgroup members, etc.