## **Forecast/Research Workgroup Meeting**

April 9, 2008 CCSU, Carlton Room 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Chair: Linda DeConti, Research Unit Manager CJPPD, OPM

Present: John Forbes, Assistant Division Director, Alyse Chin, Research Unit Assistant Manager and Amanda Alves, Intern, CJPPD, (OPM); Fred Levesque, Director of Offender Classification & Population Management, (DOC); Jody Barry, Associate Research Analyst in the MIS/Research Unit (DOC); Cheryl Cepelak, Director of Organizational Development and Strategic Planning, (DOC); Lois Desmarais, Planning Specialist, Crime Analysis Unit, (DPS); Susan C. Glass, Program Manager, Center for Research, Program Analysis and Quality Improvement, (CSSD); Judith P. Lee, Esq., Case Flow Mgmt. Specialist, (Court Operations); Al Bidorini, Director of Planning, (DMHAS); Stephen Cox, Ph.D., CT SAC Director, Lyndsay Ruffolo and Aileen Keays, Research Specialists, Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice (CCSU); John Lahda, Executive Director, (BOPP); Richard Sparaco, Parole & CS Manager (BOPP); Jerry Stowell, Ph.D., Consultant, (BOPP & DOC)

**Excused**: Gary Lopez, Planning Specialist, Crime Analysis Unit (DPS); Tom Myers, IT Analyst 2, (DPS); Brian Hill, Manager, Center for Research, Program Analysis and Quality Improvement, (CSSD);

Guest: Pat Hynes, Ph.D., Director of Offender Programs and Victim Services (DOC)

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ITEM			
Introductions	We were joined by Pat Hynes, Ph.D., Director of Offender Programs and		
and	Victim Services (DOC).		
Welcome:			
Acceptance of Minutes:	Since the focus of the meeting was the presentation by Dr. Cox, Amanda will follow-up with FRW members regarding approval of March minutes before posting to the website.	Amanda Alves will post March Minutes as soon as she gets approval from each workgroup member regarding their section of the minutes.	
OPM Monthly Correctional	Alyse distributed draft copies of the April report. Some members requested for an electronic version to be sent out.	Following the meeting Alyse will email an electronic copy of the report to all FRW	Done
Population	To an electronic version to be sent out.	members. The report was posted to the	
Indicators		website	
Report:		www.ct.gov/opm/criminaljustice/research	
BOPP	The February report was handed out for review.	www.or.gov/opin/orinninaljustice/research	+
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Report:			

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AGENDA ITEM Presentation of the 2008 Annual Recidivism Study and 2008 Annual Prison Population Projection Report:	Dr. Cox presented the 2008 Recidivism Study and the 2008 Prison Population Projection Report, which included the Prison Population Projection for Jan 1, 2009. A formal presentation to be presented at the CJPAC meeting on April 10 at 9 a.m. which will be televised on CT-N.  Good feedback was received from the FRW members on ways to improve the presentation. Suggestions included: - spotlighting that the offenders were released in the calendar year of 2004 - clarifying how time served was calculated, what is and isn't included, for example it doesn't include time served prior to sentencing. (pg 12 all bullets) - adding to special offender group pages the percentage of the select group that was released with post DOC community supervision - clarifying the fact that offenders in the study were followed for as long as they were in their respected release programs - simplifying graphs and tables to make them easier to understand Suggestions for future discussion: - working together to continue to fine tune the methodology for both studies, since we were using a national model we will work to make the methodology and how variables are counted	The PowerPoint presentation is available at: http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&q=394786  Both the 2008 Recidivism Study and 2008 Prison Population Projection Report are available at: www.ct.gov/opm/criminaljustice/research  Following the meeting Linda will work with Steve to make the suggested changes to the presentation in preparation for the televised presentation on April 10.	Done.  Done.
	more specific to CT - the fact that recidivism of the various release types are not comparable because each program has a different length of stay, for example; furlough is an average of 15 days where an offender can spend years on parole.		
Meeting Schedule:	May 14, 2008 10:00am – 12:00 pm – CSSD, Wethersfield June 11, 2008 10:00am – 12:00 pm – DOC MacDougall- Walker, Suffield July 9, 2008 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVH, Middletown		Done.