

**Connecticut Sentencing Task Force**  
**Subcommittee - Community Supervision/Alternative Sanctions**  
Meeting Summary  
July 16, 2007

**Attendees:** Hakima Bey-Coon (Office of the Victim Advocate), Randy Braren (DOC), Ashley Cannon (Vera Institute), Bill Carbone (CSSD), Andrew Clark (ISCJ-CCSU), Maureen Derbachar (Judicial), Robert Farr (BOPP), Steve Grant (JUD), Brian Hill (CSSD), Fred Levesque (DOC), Loel Meckel (DMHAS), KK Meyer (Judicial), Jennifer Robinson (CSSD), Jerry Stowell (DOC), Barb Tombs (Vera Institute), Thomas White (CSSD)

**I. Introduction- Chairman Farr**

- Meeting commenced at 9:10am

**II. Co-Chair Designation**

- A co-chair has not yet been designated to head this committee.

**III. Last Meeting Summary by Andrew Clark**

**IV. Presentation: Community Based Programming in Other States- Barbara**

**Tombs and Ashley Cannon (Vera Institute of Justice)**

- The use of parole and probation in other states
- Good Time, Gain Time and Earned Time
- Services provided for released offenders
- This Presentation can be found on the OPM website on the Sentencing Task Force page. URL:

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/criminaljustice/sentencingtaskforce>

**IV. Discussion**

- Mental illness is a serious issue among offenders and should be a priority of service providers working with this population
- Increased communication with mental health providers and DOC is imperative
- Good time: Incentive or population control?

- Many states have been looking toward risk assessment tools which has allowed for better resource allocation
- Very difficult to differentiate between the violent and non-violent offenders in order to determine threat. Who should get supervision and who shouldn't?
- Do the present incarcerated population and supervised groups resemble each other?

VIII. **Suggestions for Next Meeting**

- Bring examples of sentences that were imposed for a variety of offenses to decide if we should change the way we handle sentencing.
- Discuss the possibility of Weekend Sentencing.
- Discuss the make-up of our prison population compared to other states.

IX. **Conclusion- Chairman Farr**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm

**\*This subcommittee meeting of the Connecticut Sentencing Task Force was recorded by CTN**

**\*Next Meeting-** Monday August 20<sup>h</sup> at 10:00 a.m in Room 2B at the LOB