

**Connecticut Sentencing Task Force
Subcommittee – Sentencing Structure**

Meeting Summary

July 16, 2007

Attendees: Andrew Clark (ISCJ-CCSU), Randy Braren (DOC-Parole), Ashley Cannon (Vera Institute), Larry Dorsi (Judicial), Ronald Fageno (Judicial), Robert Farr (BOPP), Deborah Fuller (Judicial), Matt Gedansky (State Attorney-Tolland), Thomas Hogan (CSSD), Kevin Kane (CSA), John Lahda (BOPP), Merit Lajoie (OVA), Fred Levesque (DOC), David Shepack (States Attorney), James Spallone (CGA), Rich Sparaco (BOPP), Jerry Stowell (DOC-Parole), Barb Tombs (Vera Institute), Thomas Ullmann (Office of the Public Defender)

I. Introduction- Chairman Farr

- Meeting commenced at 1:18pm

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: Sentencing Structures in Other States – Barb Tombs (Vera)

- This presentation can be found on the OPM website on the Sentencing Task Force page. URL:

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&q=383706>

V. Discussion

- Do states with lifetime probation allow for lessening the length for sex offenders? . No states currently lessening the lengths.
- Does Massachusetts have a Sentencing Commission? . Yes, they have come up with guidelines, but they have not yet been passed.

- Who serves on the Sentencing Commissions in other states? .
Most are different, a mix of legislature, agency heads and academics.
- In the states that use worksheets, who prepares them? . Court services, usually a probation officer.

VI. **Connecticut's Sentencing Philosophy**

- Handout of sample mission statements from other state sentencing commissions.

VII. **Suggestions for Next Meeting**

- Bring one issue to the table next meeting to make conversation less general.

VIII. **Meeting Adjourned at 3:15**

IX. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 20th at 1:00 pm in Room. 2B at the LOB.