

## Placement of the Connecticut SAC (CT-SAC):

- In accordance with the SJS Program Eligibility Guidelines, **the CT-SAC mission is to be a nonpartisan professional organization which serves all branches of the criminal justice system and all levels of government in the state as well as the general public.**

Effective March 30, 2009, the CT-SAC will be housed within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). OPM provides the Governor with a global overview of proposed policy initiatives, identifying the full range of financial and policy implications of proposed actions. On the Governor's behalf, OPM analyzes and assesses financial, programmatic, and legislative proposals of State agencies, the General Assembly, and the federal government. While OPM most often advocates and supports the proposals of other State agencies, it must also advise the Governor in those instances where such actions are, for financial or policy reasons, not consistent with the Governor's policy initiatives or directions.

Another critical role of OPM is that of coordinator/leader of interagency problem solving efforts. Most significant policy issues faced by the State involve the overlapping jurisdiction of more than one State agency, and encompass a range of programmatic, budgetary, and policy concerns. OPM is often called upon to lead, convene or facilitate multi-agency efforts to address these problems. In this role, OPM provides the Governor with an objective view of the issues and a clear assessment of the available policy alternatives. Moreover, OPM is in a position to clearly communicate the Governor's concerns to agencies involved in multi-agency efforts.

The CT-SAC has direct reporting responsibility to a SAC advisory board, known as the CJPAC Research Workgroup that includes policy-level officials from the 3 branches of government. Public Act 06-193 established the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for administrative purposes only. The primary mission of the CT-SAC will be to serve the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission (CJPAC). On October 16, 2008, the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission (CJPAC), officially recommended and adopted the addition of its 4th working group, the CJPAC Research Workgroup. As a result the Forecast/Research Workgroup changed its name to reflect the new CJPAC affiliation. The CJPAC Research Workgroup represents all branches of government with participation from more than 20 agencies/organization with another 10 or more "subject matter experts" on-call depending on the current research topic being discussed. For more information visit our website at [www.ct.gov/opm/criminaljustice/research](http://www.ct.gov/opm/criminaljustice/research)

CJPAC consists of the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Court Administrator, the Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or their designees, the executive director of the Court Support Services Division or other designee of the Chief Court Administrator and the following members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor: Three government officials, a police chief, two persons representing offender and victim services within the private community and

two public members. In addition, the Labor Commissioner and the Commissioner of Social Services, or their designees, shall be members of the commission with authority to deliberate and vote on matters concerning employment and entitlement programs available to adult and juvenile offenders who are reentering the community, and the Commissioner of Children and Families and the Commissioner of Education, or their designees, shall be members of the commission with authority to participate and vote on matters concerning juvenile justice.

The statutory mandates of the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission (CJPAC):

- (1) Develop and recommend policies for preventing prison and jail overcrowding;
- (2) Examine the impact of statutory provisions and current administrative policies on prison and jail overcrowding and recommend legislation to the Governor and the General Assembly;
- (3) Research and gather relevant statistical data and other information concerning the impact of efforts to prevent prison and jail overcrowding and make such information available to criminal justice agencies and members of the General Assembly
- (4) Advise the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division on policies and procedures to promote more effective and cohesive state criminal justice and juvenile justice systems and to develop and implement the offender reentry strategy as provided in 18-81w, as amended by this act;
- (5) Assist the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division in developing the recommendations included in the report and presentation made by the division pursuant to section 4-68p, as amended by this act.

CJPPD also facilitates training for criminal justice personnel and conducts applied research and evaluation of criminal justice initiatives.

We do not anticipate obtaining data that is not in the public domain or contains personal identifiers. If confidentiality issues arise in the proposed studies, approval of these projects will be sought from OPM's Legal Council.

#### **SAC Personnel/Staffing:**

- In accordance with the SJS Program Eligibility Guidelines, **the CT-SAC is staffed by professionals skilled in the application of statistical methods and techniques, including a SAC director who brings an appropriate educational and experiential background to the position.** SAC staff should be familiar with the factors, issues, and processes involved in crime and the criminal justice system.

Staff within the OPM/CJPPD Research Unit will staff the CT-SAC and work collaboratively with the CJPAC Research Workgroup on the projects funded through this grant.

Ivan Kuzyk has been recommended to become Connecticut's SAC Director by the Undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division of the Office of Policy and Management. Mr. Kuzyk's qualifications have been submitted to the

USDOJ/BJS. Mr. Kuzyk brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this appointment from his position as the Research Partner to Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program administered by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Connecticut. Since being hired by the State of Connecticut in June of 2008 as a lead planning analyst for the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, Mr. Kuzyk has been instrumental in the preparation of the Division's annual Forecast and Recidivism studies as well as participating in the CJPAC Research workgroup. As an expert data analyst in the field of criminal justice, Mr. Kuzyk has proven skills in data-driven policy analysis that have been used by Connecticut's government executives and policy makers to make informed decisions. Mr. Kuzyk formulates and delivers presentations on key criminal justice issues with clarity and superior logic. He openly subjects his analysis and methods to continual peer review, resulting in findings which promote collaborative understanding and consensus building.

Linda DeConti continues as a full time Policy and Planning Manager for the Research, Analysis & Evaluation Unit, although she has other duties besides SAC projects. Her qualifications have also been submitted to USDOJ/BJS. She will be assisting substantially with the projection model.

Under the direction of the CT-SAC, some work may be performed by other persons or organizations, such as other state agencies, universities, nonprofit research firms, and private consultants. In these cases, qualifications of those performing work outside of the CT-SAC will be submitted to BJS prior for the approval of any formal agreement.