CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC) DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2021
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Hosted on Microsoft Teams Live Event

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:03 am

1. Welcome provided by Chairman Pelka

Pelka thanked members for dedicating time to today's meeting. A roll call was taken along with greetings and introductions to members recapping that the meeting is being recorded in Microsoft Teams.

Attendance:

- John Frassinelli, Chief, Bureau of Health, Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, State Department of Education;

- Judge Patrick Carroll III, Chief Court Administrator, and Gary Roberge, Director of Court Support Services Division, Connecticut Judicial Branch;

- Dr. Michael Norko, Director of Forensic Services and Danielle Ebrahimi, Behavioral Health Clinical Manager, Division of Forensic Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services;

- Brian Foley, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

- Christine Rapillo, Chief Public Defender, Division of Public Defender Services;

- Humayun Beg, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Information System;

- Beth Hamilton, Executive Director; Lucy Nolan, Director of Policy and Public Relations, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence;

- Geralyn O'Neil-Wild, Director of Legal Advocacy, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

- Jane Siegal, Department of Veterans Affairs;

- Kevin Lawlor, Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Division of Criminal Justice;

- Natasha Pierre, State Victim Advocate;

- Commissioner Angel Quiros, Deputy Commissioner Sharonda Carlos, and District Administrators Eulalia Garcia and Nick Rodriguez, Department of Correction;

- Rich Sparaco, Executive Director, and Chairmman Carleton Giles, Board of Pardons and Paroles; and

- Laurie Deneen, Public Member.

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 28th meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes by Chairman Carleton Giles, and seconded by Beth Hamilton, Executive Director CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

3. Review and discussion of February Monthly Indicators Report

Chairman Pelka

Pelka thanked Director Roberge for working with the Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division research unit regarding ways to expand the *Monthly Indicators Report* to incorporate more front-end and pretrial criminal justice data. The unit already has a fairly complex and robust view of ways people may transition from the Department of Correction to the community using discretionary release and discharge. The aim here is to broaden the scope to the front end of the system. An example of data to include on a routine basis is reflected in the "Highlights" section of the February *Monthly* showing adult probation population, which reduced by about 2% from the last month and about 18% from a year ago.

4. **Discussion of 2021 Annual Forecast of the Prison Population and 2021 Recidivism Study**

Kyle Baudoin, Policy Development Coordinator, Kevin Neary, Lead Planning Analyst, and Patrick Lahka, Research Analyst CCT, from OPM CJPPD provided a presentation the February *Monthly Indicators Report*, the *Annual Connecticut Recidivism Study*, and the *Annual Correctional Population Forecast*.

5. **Data involving victims and survivors**

Transitioning from the prior presentation, members discussion ways that just as the criminal justice system activates following arrest, there should be a look at where services, support, and resources are made available to make that victims whole restored to wellness and supported.

Beth Hamilton shared that she is seeking ways to work with Natasha Pierre and other victim advocates to identify ways to bring more victim and survivor data to the discussion. Such data would help capture the impact on victims as their perpetrators are being supervised and treated but also it provides us with good opportunities to get victim feedback back into the process. For example, questions could explore what would make the system more accessible and easier to navigate with information that victims and survivors would benefit from having at their fingertips that isn't currently readily available.

Geri Wild added that data would be especially helpful if structured specifically to various types of victimization. For example, on the recidivism data covered earlier in the meeting, providing prior sentencing history, sentence lengths, type of offense (domestic violence-related or sexual assault, separated by victim type), and other information could help deepen the analysis.

6. **Adjourn**

Chairman Pelka thanked everyone for their participation. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next meeting is March 25th at 9:00 am and will be virtual.