

**Minutes**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Legislative Office Building Room 1B**  
**November 13, 2008**

**Members of the Commission Present:** Brian Austin, Chair, Undersecretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management; Claudette J. Beaulieu, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services; Floyd R. Blair, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Children and Families; William H. Carbone, Executive Director, Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division; Judge Patrick Carroll, Deputy Chief Court Administrator; George Coleman, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education; Laurie Deneen, Public Member; Robert Farr, Chairman, Board of Pardons and Paroles; James Kenny, Police Chief; Thomas Kirk, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Nancy Kushins, Victim Services; Patricia Mayfield, Commissioner, Department of Labor; Daniel Bannish representing Theresa Lantz, Commissioner, Department of Correction; Judith Rossi representing Kevin Kane, Chief State's Attorney; and Brian Carlow representing Susan Storey, Chief Public Defender.

Tony Schirillo attended for LTC Cheryl Malloy, Department of Public Safety (Government Official).

Chair Brian Austin convened the meeting to order at 9:09am. The members of the Commission introduced themselves.

**Minutes:** Board of Pardons and Paroles Chairman Robert Farr requested a correction under Board of Pardons and Paroles, p2, second bullet:

BOPP has videoconferencing ~~at 2 sites~~. AVAILABLE AT 2 OFFICES WITHIN ITS MAIN LOCATION AND HAS VIDEOCONFERENCING AVAILABLE AT ALL DOC FACILITIES.

Amended minutes approved unanimously.

**Commission Correspondence:** there was no correspondence.

**Public Comment:** there was no public comment.

**Presentation:** *Judicial Branch's Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan*

Deputy Court Administrator Patrick Carroll III introduced Joseph D'Alesio, Esq, Executive Director of Operations for the Superior Court to review the Strategic Plan:

- The first strategic plan for the Branch
- The horizon is 3-5 years
- 500 litigants were interviewed
- 93 focus groups were held
- 2 public hearings were held
- There were 36 different initiatives in the Strategic Plan

- Of the 36 initiatives, 28 were included in the Implementation Plan

The Plan is not about the Judicial Branch, but about the people who use the Courts. Issues include:

- Elimination of barriers
- Access
- Changing demographics
- Delivery of services
  - Alternatives to court appearance
  - Civil court management
  - Criminal practice initiatives
- Family Support Magistrates
- Jury utilization
  - Notification
  - Privacy
  - Videos
  - Individual voir dire
- Funding for Legal Services
- Small Claims
- Comprehensive technology
- Uniformity between courthouses
- Collaboration among agencies (Executive, Legislative, Judicial)
- Information sharing
  - Commitment to CJIS
- Ensure the system is fair and clear
- Establish court security/safety
- Clear expectations of courts:
  - Motor vehicle
  - Small claims
  - Housing
- Judicial assignment
- Judge performance evaluation
- Enhanced education campaign

Suggestion: have local police on the court security group for input

#### Criminal Practice Commission

- Habeas group
- Video conferencing - must have ability for private conference for client/attorney discussions
  - Witness
  - Victim
  - States Attorney

Collaboration: DMHAS' Dr. Michael Norko has volunteered to assist in competency and insanity issues.

Civil and criminal fees do not go back into the State General Fund.

It is a priority of Chief Justice Chase Rodgers to recruit more minority judges into administration.

Other discussions included ADA issues for persons with hidden disabilities (eg, Raymond v. Rowland), and that any waiver of fees must be consistent with the statutes.

### **OPM Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division Update**

- Monthly indicators report reduced from 20 pgs to 4 pgs
- Input/output model of how people enter and leave the system allows forecasting
- Dr. Pablo Martinez may come to Connecticut
- Recidivism Report - ready for analysis
- Evaluation studies - outcome measures track halfway house offenders
- White paper on Special parole in development
- Reports are on the OPM website ([www.ct.gov/opm](http://www.ct.gov/opm))
- Siting Incentives Committee has 2 more meetings
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> - discussion on the draft report
  - December 18<sup>th</sup> - vote on the report
- CJPAC 2009 meeting schedule:

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### **Department of Correction Update**

The total incarcerated population is lower for November 2008 than a year ago:

INCARCERATED POPULATION	NOV 2007	NOV 2008
Unsentenced/Accused	4,541	4,345
Sentenced	15,188	15,061
TOTAL	19,729	19,406

### **Board of Pardons and Paroles Update**

- 330 cases needing a hearing remain on backlog
- 26 full hearings and 4 revocation hearings were held in October.

- The federal grant to pay retirees to work on the case backlog expires Dec 1<sup>st</sup>; an additional \$200,000 will allow the grant to be extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Judicial Branch and Court Support Services Division Updates**

Trends in the juvenile justice system may be indicative of trends in the adult system: juvenile court intakes decreased about 20% in the last year. This will be an agenda item for the Commission meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Update**

- Received a \$2M grant for jail diversion for Iraq war veterans. Focused on the southeast sector of the state (Groton); plan to expand across the state in the future.
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) will expand to 46 officers and 6 dispatchers.
- Some discussion on the Jail Diversion Program (New Britain, Bristol and Bridgeport), the Alternative Drug and Intervention Program, and the Connecticut Offender Reentry Program (CORP - focus on persons with serious psychiatric issues; program expanded at several sites)
- DMHAS staff work with DOC staff months before an offender released to a smooth transition into the community.
- Military Support Program
  - families do not get services
  - health services provided to families while a National Guard member is deployed

### **Behavioral Health Services Subcommittee Update**

- DMHAS sent staff to Manson Youth Institution to evaluate/assess youth for tuberculosis
- The Subcommittee now has 2 working groups:
  - Housing
  - System service areas
- The veteran's jail diversion program will be added
- Pilot study of DOC serious offenders (\$250,000 bond to 10 year sentence)

### **Other Business**

Department of Social Services:

- DSS is working on smoothing the transition of offenders/releasees so they can immediately receive needed pharmaceuticals, especially for chronic medical and/or psychiatric problems
- DSS can reinstate people for receipt of SAGA medical or Title 19 if the person left the program within 2 years due to incarceration. Probably 40% would qualify for reinstatement.
- Working with DOC and BOPP to be notified prior to offender's release

CJPAC next meeting - December 11<sup>th</sup>:

- the Reentry Strategy will be presented for Commission members to review and provide comment during the regular meeting, 9am – 11am.
- A Hearing and Public Comment opportunity on the Reentry Strategy will be held beginning 12:30pm in LOB 1B.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

### **Next Meeting**

December 11, 2008 - LOB 1B

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