

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Marc Pelka – Office of Policy and Management, *Sarah Fox* – CT Coalition to End Homeless, *Gary Roberge* – Court Support Services Division, *Dr. Michael Norko* – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, *Chris Rapillo* – Public Defenders Office, *Humayun Beg* – Criminal Justice Information System, *Kevin Lawlor* – Chief State's Attorney, *Karen Jarmoc*, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Charlene Russell-Tucker* – State Department of Education, *Tammy Marzik* – Department of Veterans Affairs, *Tracy Miller* – CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Cheryl Cepalak* – Department of Corrections, *Carleton Giles* – Board of Pardons and Paroles, *Brian Foley* – Department of Emergency Services and Protection

I. Opening Remarks

- Marc Pelka gave introductory remarks
- CJPAC was not broadcast on CTN
- October minutes were approved by Commission members

II. Presentation and Discussion

- *Karen Jarmoc, CEO, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence Management* Presentation on Safe Connect Network
- Discussion of Veterans in the criminal justice system and connection of services

III. Agency Updates

Sarah Fox – CT Coalition to End Homelessness – Coalition announced at the meeting that it had received a \$2.5 million award from Amazon's Day One Fund to help reduce homelessness among families.

Chris Rapillo – Chief Public Defender Office – They have made a workgroup on Veteran's Affairs to address a public campaign for disclosure of serving in the military. They have a Parole Revocation Unit up and running now. They have a Pardons Clinic Pilot, due to many inquiries from the clients – this pilot is in the Norwalk Office.

Humayun Beg – Criminal Justice Information System – Finalized last release, CISS is available to all Criminal Justice agencies now. They are working with DCJ on coordinating the whole arrest process. DESPP has a new finger printing system, they are incorporating. E-Prosecutor has been implemented and CJIS is working with them.

Michael Norko – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – See Behavioral Subcommittee Update

Kevin Lawlor – Chief State’s Attorney – Case Management System to be piloted in Middletown next month or so. They are working with CISS and downloaded data from Judicial to populate the system. Kevin Kane has extended his term for one more month, he will officially retire at the end of next week.

Gary Roberge – CSSD – CSSD is incorporating homelessness questions to better identify homeless and near homeless populations. They piloted a Rapid Rehousing Pilot with Department of Housing and rehoused 2 families and have 6 pending cases. They received a grant for 18 – 24-year-olds and a grant for TPP to be fund clinicians for the years 2020 until 2023, when SAMSHA funding runs out. Training new officers for juvenile and adult providers and meeting with them recently, because when clients can complete a program, they are less likely to recidivate. The Department of Housing will be conducting a tour of their Rapid Rehousing Pilot with DOH, CSSD, and DOC on December 19th.

Brian Foley – DESPP – The department is looking forward to Connecticut with Karen Jarmoc regarding the Safe Connect promotion on social media. HIDA will be paying for lab technicians for 2 years to deal with the backlog of drug testing. Currently, the victim is brought to the OCME and they seize the drug contaminated items at the scene. They take this data regarding real time information of what drugs are on the streets and provide it to ERs, hospitals, and addiction centers. They also have a mobile finger print on shell casings lab and a 24-hour kiosk at the lab to enter the shell casing into the kiosk and they would like to do the same thing with DNA soon. DESPP is working on an app with the Dept of Education to report threats of violence in schools. And they are already planning for the summer violence spike in cities.

Tracy Miller – CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence – The alliance has trainings available on various topics. She introduced Asia N. a justice involved Advocacy Coordinator – new to their program, she will help with training and technical assistance.

Cheryl Cepelak – Department of Correction – DOC population is down 5% sentenced population, down 10% accused population and down 4% of the female population. They would like to offer their support to Karen Jarmoc and the Coalition. They have an MOU with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Yale Legal Clinic to better understand the needs of veterans and how to meet those needs. They are attending the Rapid Rehousing Pilot Tour in December. And the DOC is working on the ARES grant for employment.

Charlene Russell- Tucker – Department of Education – They would like to look at arrest by age and look at school-based arrests and diversion for next meeting they will have an update regarding this.

Carlton Giles – Board of Pardons and Paroles – They added a Spanish-speaking clerk to help their board.

Tammy Marzik – Department of Veterans Affairs – Commissioner Saadi is gone for a few months on military leave and they think it's a good idea to ask "have you ever served?" instead of "are you a veteran?"

Marc Pelka – Office of Policy and Management – They will be bringing in national experts for cross agency IT systems to match ID Criminal Records.

IV. Subcommittee Updates

Behavioral Health Subcommittee – CSSD is helpful to Mental Health Providers with trainings about Criminogenic Needs. They have been having discussions with Mike Aiello from CSSD to provide educational trainings on this topic to Mental Health Providers.

V. Adjournment

- Next meeting is December 19th, 2019 at 9 am in LOB Room 1A
- Chairman Pelka adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM