

## CJPAC Research Workgroup Meeting

CVH, Page Hall, Middletown Room 217

May 13th, 2009

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

**Chair:** Linda DeConti, Research Unit Manager (CJPPD/OPM)

**Present:** Ivan Kuzyk, Research Unit Assistant Manager (OPM), Marissa Presbury, Research Unit Intern (OPM), Rich Sparaco, Parole/Community Services Manager (BOPP); Al Bidorini, Director of Planning (DMHAS), Loel Meckel, Asst. Director Forensic Services (DMHAS); Dr. Linda K. Frisman, Director of Research (DMHAS), Susan Glass, Program Manager (CSSD); Kitty Dudley, Counselor Supervisor (DOC); Patrick Hynes, Director of Planning (DOC); Mary Lansing, Associate Research Analyst (DOC); Rebecca Fleming, Parole Manager (DOC)

**Excused:** John Lahda, Executive Director (BOPP); John Forbes, Assistant Division Director (OPM), Lois Desmarais, Planning Specialist (DPS), Fred Levesque, Director (DOC), Judy Lee, Case flow Management Specialist (Court Operations); Michelle Altomare, Associate Research Analyst (DOC), Brian Hill, Manager (CSSD); Cheryl Cepelak, Director (DOC), Steve Cox, (CCSU)

**Absent:** Fred Watton, Parole Officer (BOPP); Tom Myers, IT Analyst 2 (DPS), Alan Calandro, Section Chief (OFA); Chris Reinhart, Esq., Senior Attorney (OLR), Charles Martie, Education Consultant (SDE) , Orlando Rodriguez, UConn/CT State Data Center

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS and DELIVERABLES	DATE
<b>Acceptance of Minutes:</b>	The Minutes from the April meeting were accepted as written.		
<b>Monthly Indicators Report:</b>	The May 2009 Monthly Indicators was discussed and to be completed shortly	DRAFT to be sent out for review. <b>Due by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>SJS Grants:</b>	2009 Award Pending		
<b>What Kinds of Research Should We Be Doing?</b>	Dr. Patrick Hynes, DOC Director of Planning will do a presentation at our on Evaluations & Public Policy – <i>What Kinds of Research Should We Be Doing?</i>	Next Steps to review the Partners in Progress page 7 and follow the process as outlined by Dr. Hynes	
<b>Agency Updates:</b>	<p><b>BOPP:</b> In April there were 23 regular hearing dates with an average of 16 cases per hearing. There were also 4 hearing dates held for Parole Violations (revocation and rescissions). There were 296 parole cases granted and 48 denials. The grant rate was 86%. In addition, there were a total of 77 individual violation hearings of which 55 cases were re-paroled (38 revoked and re-paroled and 17 cases were rescinded and re-paroled).</p>		
	<p><b>CSSD:</b> Judicial-CSSD applied for a federal grant through the stimulus money to hire 27 additional officers to supervise sex offenders and increase community collaboration. Risk Reduction field visits continue across the state to introduce performance standards and goals, plus strategic initiatives for adult and juvenile probation for 2009-2011. Judicial-CSSD Adult Probation was recently awarded accreditation through the American Correctional Association, the first agency to be accredited using the newly adopted ACA standards for probation departments.</p>	<p>NOTE: <i>Brian Hill to share CSSD experience regarding overall vendor performance for contracted studies.</i></p> <p>Susan Glass Handout – Adult Probation Risk Reduction Indicators, Danbury example (17 areas total)</p>	
	<p><b>DMHAS:</b> Does not have anything new to report as an update for this month.</p>		
	<p><b>Judicial Court Operations:</b> Does not have anything new to report as an update for this month.</p>		

<b>Agency Updates Continued:</b>	<p><b>DPS:</b> <i>CT Dept. of Public Safety, Div. of State Police, Crimes Analysis Unit</i>  The Family Violence and Hate Crime reports for 2007 were posted to our website <a href="http://www.dir.ct.gov/dps/ucr/ucr.aspx">www.dir.ct.gov/dps/ucr/ucr.aspx</a> in early April. A trial run of the 2006 Crime in CT report revealed problems with the CSP data. Corrections that will hopefully bring the CSP data up to expected levels will be submitted in the April CSP file, which is expected by May 15th. We will then generate another 2006 Crime in CT report.</p> <p>There are about 1600 CSP arrests to be entered for 2007. All CT towns will be represented in the 2008 Crime in the US publication except New Haven, which has submitted data through July of 2008.</p>		
	<p><b>DOC:</b>  The overall incarcerated population continues to decrease with a reduction of 163 offenders from April 1st to May 1st, 2009. The sentenced male declined by 94 and the accused male population declined by 68. There was essentially no change in the female population. Both Parole and Transitional Supervision remained steady with only slight increases to their total numbers. The DOC continues to combine and consolidated housing unit to keep overflow areas closed. One 96 bed unit was closed at the Webster building and an attempt to close a second unit may be possible in the month of May.</p>		
<b>BOPP Monthly Report: Training and Documentation</b>	<p>BOPP/DOC Monthly/Quarterly reports are now being compiled by Michelle Altomare on behalf of both DOC and/or BOPP going forward. OPM is still scanning all available documents to preserve the historical data for future use see DRAFT webpage at <a href="http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&amp;Q=433798&amp;PM=1">http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2976&amp;Q=433798&amp;PM=1</a>.</p> <p>Tyler Sampson did a great job in compiling and transitioning the information needed for the ongoing documentation of past monthly and quarterly reports.</p>	<p>The smaller group will meet again in June or after Michelle has successfully published these reports independently for a number of months.  <i>Note: Delay in progress since our last meeting, update from Michelle pending.</i></p>	
<b>Reentry in CT: Partners in Progress</b>	<p>Requested training materials and copies of presentation to be made available on the website so that those unable to attend.  <a href="http://www.ct.gov/doc/lib/doc/PDF/PDFReport/StrategicPlanReentry09.pdf">http://www.ct.gov/doc/lib/doc/PDF/PDFReport/StrategicPlanReentry09.pdf</a></p>	<p>Cheryl will follow-up on this. <i>(Pending)</i></p>	
<b>Other Information:</b>	<p><b>Criminal History Project</b> – Summary of BJS meeting in DC on April 28th.</p> <p><b>CCSU Re-entry Studies</b> – Dr. Cox received comments on the Halfway House study from Ivan and Pat Hynes. OPM is still waiting to see a revised draft of changes.</p>		
<b>Prison Forecast Model:</b>	<p>Follow-up on the development of a prison forecasting model with the assistance of Dr. Pablo Martinez, at Texas State University. CTMODEL 1.0</p>	<p>Pending Dr. Martinez's availability and other priorities.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	<p><b>CJIS Update</b> – SharePoint Collaboration Software. CSSD/Judicial uses SharePoint.</p> <p><b>Collaborative Data Requests for Research Purposes</b>  CSSD reviewed their detailed fields and confirmation received. Meeting with DOIT/CJIS staff - on hold due to other priorities</p> <p><b>Recidivism and Mental Health Scores</b>  Ivan presented information with DMHAS.</p>		
<b>Meeting Schedule:</b>	<p><b>Jun 10, 2009</b> – CSSD, 4th Floor Conference Rm., Wethersfield  <b>Jul 08, 2009</b> – CVH, Page Hall, Middletown  <b>Aug 12, 2009</b> – DPS, 1111 Country Club Rd, Rm. 252, Middletown  <b>Sep 09, 2009</b> – DOC, MacDougall-Walker, 1153 East St. South, Suffield</p>	<p>Regular Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon</p>	