

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Microsoft Teams meeting

YouTube Live Link: [State of CT: OPM - YouTube](#)

Members in Attendance- Judge Elizabeth Bozzuto (Judicial Branch), Director Gary Roberge (Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division), Robert Bongiolatti (DOL), Kristie Scott (Rushford), Beth Hines (CPA), William Halsey (DSS), Beth Hamilton (CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence), Commissioner Angel Quiros (DOC), Executive Director James McGennis (CJIS Governing Board), Fernando Muñiz (Community Solutions Inc.), Chief Stephen Tavares (ECSU Police), Chief Public Defender TaShun Bowden-Lewis (Division of Public Defender Services), Chief State's Attorney Patrick Griffin (Division of Criminal Justice), Meghan Scanlon (CCADV), John Frassinelli (Department of Education), Reena Kapoor (Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services), Jennifer Zaccagnini (Board of Pardons and Paroles), and Marc Pelka (OPM).

1. Call to order and welcome.

- Chairman Pelka acknowledged that this would be Commissioner Rovella's last meeting as a member of CJPAC. He thanked him for his years of service to the state and the active role he played on the commission.

2. Review and approval of draft minutes from the June 29 (regular) and July 27 (special) CJPAC meetings

- Gary Roberge Proposes, Patrick Griffin Seconds. No objections were raised.

3. Update regarding the Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration Opportunity

- Bill Halsey and Alexis Mohammed from Department of Social Services, presented on the Justice-Involved Waiver. They provided history and background regarding the process.
- The presentation included information about Connecticut's application and timeline to submission, submission requirements, core components of the waiver, demonstrated services needs and the target population, the implementation plan process, and next steps.

- Members held discussion about the process.

4. Pretrial and sentenced correctional population trends.

- OPM's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (OPM CJPPD) provided a presentation on correctional population trends in 2023.
- The correctional population has stabilized following years of pandemic-related impacts.
- OPM CJPPD shared data showing the changes in the sentenced population based on length of sentence and how the pretrial population shifted regarding bond amounts.

5. Pretrial Services overview

- Michael Hines & Gary Roberge of Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (JB-CSSD) provided an overview of JB-CSSD Pretrial Services.
- Information was provided on legislation that guides the division, risk assessment tool validation, and conditions of release.
- The presenters shared data related to annual custodial arrests, bail interviews, non-court releases, non-financial recommendations, pretrial service outcomes and offense types among detainees at the Department of Correction (DOC).
- Programs and services such as Alternative in the Community, Adult Behavioral Health Services, Jail Re-Interview and the Treatment Pathway Program were described in detail.
- The presenters shared all of this could not be done without collaboration and cooperation from DOC.
- Demonstrating equity and consistency across similar cases is important to JB-CSSD.

6. CJPAC member updates

- OPM CJPPD has submitted the required program plan and budget to U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) for Byrne SCIP.
- US DOJ has provided conditional approval of the program plan and budget. An additional certification is required to be signed before the state can expend funds related to risk protection orders and risk protection warrants. OPM CJPPD has provided that certification to the required parties for review.
- As OPM CJPPD monitors the status of the certification review, the division will pursue a grant announcement for the "Safe Storage of Firearms" program area.

7. Adjourn

- Gary Roberge Proposes, Patrick Griffin Seconds