

# **CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 30, 2023  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting  
YouTube Live Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hE6TTzNvZR0>

Member attendance – Judge Patrick Carroll (Judicial Branch) Director Gary Roberge (Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division), Robert Bongiolatti (DOL), Kristie Scott (Rushford), Beth Hines (CPA), William Halsey (DSS), Bridget Koestner (CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence), Commissioner Angel Quiros (DOC), Dr. Michael Norko (DMHAS), Executive Director James McGennis (CJIS Governing Board), Fernando Muñoz (Community Solutions Inc.), Chief Stephen Tavares (ECSU Police), Chief Patrick Ridenhour (Danbury Police), Commissioner James Rovella (DESPP), Chief State’s Attorney Patrick Griffin (Division of Criminal Justice), John Frassinelli (SDE), Megan Scanlon (CCADV), Natasha Pierre (OVA), Richard Sparaco (Board of Pardons and Paroles), and Marc Pelka (OPM).

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Introduction of new CJPAC members**

- Marc Introduced new commission members: Beth Hines – Executive Director, Community Partners in Action (CPA); Fernando Muniz – CEO, Community Solutions, Inc.; Kristie Scott – VP Clinical Operations at Rushford Behavioral Health; and William (Bill) Halsey – Deputy Medicaid Director, DSS.

### **3. Approval of draft minutes from the December 15, 2022, meeting**

- Director Roberge moves, Chief Griffin seconds, and motion passes.

### **4. Presentation regarding recently announced federal criminal justice grant solicitations.**

- Michelle Garcia, Deputy Director, Programs Office, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice, provided an update regarding the more than 70 planned federal solicitations to be, or already, released this year. Many of the solicitations are repeated from past years. The US Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs has added clarification, via webinars and provision of information on its website, to the grants process. Several examples of live solicitations were provided to members.

### **5. Presentations and discussion regarding the annual recidivism and**

## **correction population forecast reports**

- OPM Office of Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (OPM CJPPD) staff delivered a presentation containing data analysis regarding the forecast of the correction population and recidivism among people returning to the community following incarceration. Staff explained revisions and updates to the 2023 reports and provide an overview of analysis.
- To expand the commission's review and discussion of recidivism, Bryan Sperry, Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division, shared analysis of data managed by CSSD regarding recidivism.

## **6. Update regarding the federal Byrne JAG and Byrne SCIP programs**

- OPM CJPDD staff provided a reminder of the live Byrne JAG grant opportunity. Information is available on its website regarding the submission of proposals under the program.
- OPM CJPPD staff shared that the US DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance has approved Connecticut's Byrne SCIP application and the funds have been accepted. Staff are now preparing a draft program plan and budget to coordinate with CJPAC on before submission to US DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance to seek approval to begin expending Byrne SCIP funds.

## **7. Other updates and planning**

## **8. Adjourn**

- Director Roberge moves, Executive Director Sparaco seconds, and the motion passes.