

## CJPAC Research Workgroup Meeting

CVH, Page Hall, Room 217

February 11, 2009

10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

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

**Present:** John Forbes, Assistant Division Director (OPM), Ivan Kuzyk, Research Unit Assistant Manager (OPM), Judy Lee, Case flow Management Specialist (Court Operations); Al Bidorini, Director of Planning (DMHAS); Loel Meckel, Asst. Director Forensic Services; Brian Hill, Manager (CSSD); Susan Glass, Program Manager (CSSD); Fred Levesque, Director (DOC), Jody Barry, Associate Research Analyst (DOC); Michelle Altomare, Associate Research Analyst (DOC), Patrick Hynes, Director of Planning (DOC); John Lahda, Executive Director (BOPP); Fred Watton, Parole Officer (BOPP); Jerry Stowell, Consultant (BOPP); Lois Desmarais, Planning Specialist (DPS)

**Excused:** Cheryl Cepelak, Director (DOC), Rich Sparaco, Parole/Community Services Manager (BOPP); Alan Calandro, Section Chief (OFA); Chris Reinhart, Esq., Senior Attorney (OLR); Steve Cox, CT SAC Director (CCSU), Tom Myers, IT Analyst 2 (DPS)

**Absent:** Orlando Rodriguez, Manager/CT State Data Center; Charles Martie, Education Consultant (SDE)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS and DELIVERABLES	DATE
<b>Acceptance of Minutes:</b>	The Minutes from the January meeting were accepted as written.		
<b>Monthly Indicators Report:</b>	The February 2009 Monthly Indicators was discussed and to be completed shortly		
<b>Prison Forecasting Model:</b>	Follow-up on the development of a prison forecasting model with the assistance of Dr. Pablo Martinez, at Texas State University. CTMODEL 1.0		
<b>Annual Prison Forecast Report:</b>	A final draft of the Study was presented and discussed.		
<b>Annual Recidivism Study:</b>	A final draft of the Study was presented and discussed.		
<b>Agency Updates:</b>	<p><b>BOPP:</b>            There were 23 hearings in January. Nineteen were regular hearings and 4 were revocation hearings. For the month of January 214 persons were granted parole and 26 were denied for a grant rate of 89%. The 214 persons voted to parole in January represents 86% of the monthly average voted to parole in FY2007. In addition, 46 persons were revoked and reparaoled and 20 were recinded and reparaoled.            In January 175 persons were released to parole and transfer parole. This is 93% of the monthly average for FY2007. Also, 318 persons were released to TS or Transitional placement January. This is 133% of the monthly average for FY2007.</p>		
	<p><b>CSSD:</b>            1. The Judicial Branch has been working with the Charter Oak Group in preparation for the February CGA/Appropriations Committee hearings. CSSD's work has focused on the Result-based Accountability (RBA) framework for developing and reporting outcomes for Adult, Juvenile and Contracted Services.            2. CSSD research staff has been working with CCSU (Dr. Stephen Cox) via workshops on report formatting and presentation.</p>		

	3.CSSD continues to work with Executive Branch agencies on inter-agency data sharing projects.		
	<p><b>DMHAS:</b> DMHAS is reviewing the Program Review and Investigations Committee's findings and recommendations regarding their recent study on Adult Substance Abuse Treatment. The recommendations include several which cut across DMHAS and agencies involved in the treatment of criminal offenders. In particular, the recommendations and the pending bill, would require consultation with the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Council in development of a state plan and take into consideration the community reentry strategy concerning substance abuse treatment and recovery services for the offender population, as developed by OPM's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division. All state agencies (DMHAS and DOC) and the Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division included in the study will have an opportunity to respond to the recommendations once the Final Report is issued.</p> <p>Work continues on a Memorandum of Agreement, as recommended by the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council, that would affirm state agencies' and the Judicial Branch's use of releases of alcohol and drug treatment information include a minimum set of standards as relates to federal and state confidentiality laws and regulations. A working draft will be sent to the all parties by the end of February.</p>		
<b>Agency Updates Continued:</b>	<p><b>DPS:</b> The final 2005 annual Crime in CT report has been posted on our website. The 2006 Crime in CT report will be generated once the 2006 CT State Police (CSP) missing arrests (approx. 700) are manually entered and validated. The differences of opinion regarding the appropriateness of an automated solution to the 2006-2007 missing arrests resulted in a decision to continue manual entry. There are over 5,000 arrests from 2007 missing from the NIBRS arrest module. A light duty trooper has been assigned to the Crimes Analysis unit to assist in the data entry.</p> <p>DPS hired a consultant through the state's IT professional services contract to complete the final phase of the process to create a mechanism for electronic submission of Family Violence arrest data. The consultant was supposed to start 2/9/09, but an emergency has pushed back his start date to February 17, 2009. This project is funded by a grant that ends March 31, 2009.</p>		
	<p><b>DOC:</b> The DOC experienced an increase in the overall incarcerated population by 129 offenders between January and February 2009. Significant to note was the increase in the sentenced male population of 183 and decrease in the un-sentenced male of 61. Discretionary Parole numbers continue to see slight increases each month adding an additional 32 for the month of January to 1308. Transitional Supervision numbers remains unchanged in the 1050 range. A pilot program out of Bergin C I for Transitional Placement has transferred over 60 offenders to the community. DOC is hoping to expand the use of this status. The</p>		

	<p>DOC has expanded the use of the Technical Violators unit at CRCI to include returns from both Parole and Transitional Supervision from across the state.</p> <p>The SVORI 3-day Symposium will be held at the DOC Training Academy in Cheshire February 24 - 26th. About 220 people are scheduled to attend the majority being DOC staff, CJPAC agencies and some community partners.</p>		
	<p><b>Judicial Court Operations:</b>  Court Operations (Criminal Unit) continues to seek way to use PRAWN (Paperless Re-arrest Warrant Network) for more than re-arrest warrants. In addition to Violations of Probation warrants on PRAWN, judgment mittimus' are being tested to be added to PRAWN. Judgment mittimus' are issued by a court when a defendant fails to pay a fine. The order allows law enforcement to pick up a defendant and bring him/her to a correctional facility to work of the fine in jail.</p> <p>The new legislative session brings many new proposed bills for comments by Court Operations staff.</p>		
<b>BOPP Monthly Report: Training and Documentation</b>	<p>Jerry Stowell's contract will be ending June 30, 2009. Jerry was an original pioneer of this research workgroup effort. Thank you Jerry for your service to Connecticut. During this transition, Jerry is working with OPM to document the step by step process for producing these BOPP/DOC Monthly reports so that staff at both DOC and/or BOPP can maintain their information going forward. OPM is also scanning all available past documents to preserve the historical data for future use and to post on the website for reference.</p>		
<b>Other Information:</b>	<p><b>JRSA/BJS Computerized Criminal History RFP Felony Case Processing</b>  Steve is still waiting to hear from JRSA regarding the criminal history proposal we submitted.</p> <p><b>OPM Re-Entry Studies Update by Steve Cox</b>  Steve distributed the re-entry reports were to BOPP, CSSD, and DOC for comments. Steve met with CSSD and DOC representatives.</p>	Written report.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p><b>CJIS Update</b>  <b>Coordinated Data Requests for Research</b>  Both OPM and DMHAS have requested arrest data from DPS and have been asked to seek this information through OBTS. In an effort to evaluate OBTS as a means to acquire accurate and timely information the workgroup agreed to develop requests for two projects 1) Data required from all agencies for OPM's Monthly Indicators Report and 2) Standard data required to evaluate Arrests including the suspense file records.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Al Bidorini and Brian Hill will draft a standard universal list of data variables for the Arrest Data typically used for research purposes.</li> <li>2. Linda DeConti will ask individual agencies to provide the specific fields used to derive the data sent monthly for the OPM Monthly Indicators Report.</li> <li>3. Both lists will be reviewed by the Workgroup.</li> <li>4. Linda DeConti will setup a meeting with Dean Marshall at DOIT to request and coordinate these projects as data extracts from OBTS.</li> </ol>	

	<p><b>Input/Oversight of Future Evaluation Studies</b>  For future evaluation studies, the workgroup asked that OPM form an advisory group or subset of members to formulate and design specific research projects that would directly meet the needs of agencies and researchers in the workgroup. It was suggested that we develop a research agenda and set priorities for recommended projects.</p>	<p>Invite Linda Frisman to the next workgroup meeting to discuss the work being done by their research group.</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Schedule:</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 11, 2009</b> – CVH/Merritt Hall, Sid Finkelstein Room, Middletown  <b>Apr 08, 2009</b> – Court Operations, 225 Spring St., Rm. 204, Wethersfield  <b>May 13, 2009</b> – CVH, Page Hall, Middletown  <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>	