

Connecticut Sentencing Task Force
Subcommittee- Community Supervision/Alternative Sanctions
Meeting Summary
June 25, 2007

- I. Introduction by Chairman Farr**
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

- II. Retreat Summary by Andrew Clark**
 - a. Highlight philosophy and goals

- III. Report on Connecticut's Current Sentencing Structure by Chairman Farr**
 - a. Currently Connecticut is not in crisis mode but the establishment of this Task Force will aid in preventing a possible crisis in the future.

- IV. Presentation by Randy Braren- *Current Community Based Programs***
 - a. Special parole
 - b. Halfway houses
 - c. Supportive housing
 - 1. Sex offender unit
 - 2. Mental health unit
 - d. Close collaboration with CSSD and DHMAS
 - 1. Technical violation officers
 - 2. Fugitive officers

- V. Presentation by Rich Sparraco**
 - a. Time served before parole eligibility
 - 1. 85% for violent offenses
 - 2. 50% for non-violent offenses
 - b. Connecticut Salient Factor Score
 - 1. Classification as a low risk offender
 - 2. Factors examined
 - a. Static – factors that do not change
 - b. Dynamic – factors that can change, i.e. living arrangements
 - c. Pilot programs
 - 1. Education
 - 2. Substance abuse
 - 3. Vocational training

- VI. Presentation by Tom White**
 - a. CSSD Fact Sheet handout
 - b. Question posed in this presentation – “What is it that we can do to change the sentencing practices that effect the community supervision programs?”

- c. Collecting data on various programs
 - 1. Research in other jurisdictions
 - 2. Legislative mandates
 - 3. 3 years to measure effectiveness and outcomes – adjustment period

VII. Ideas and Concerns

- a. Length of supervision sentence
- b. Relationship and overlap (probation and parole)
- c. Incarceration alternatives (offense appropriate)
- d. Truth-in-Sentencing – elimination of good time
- e. Length of community supervision (average = 3 years)
- f. Increased programs
 - 1. Education
 - 2. Mental health
 - 3. Vocational
 - 4. Substance abuse
- g. Community acceptance
- h. Restorative justice

Next meeting: Monday, July 16th at 10:00 am- Presentation on Community Supervision and Alternative Sanctions in Other States by Barb Tombs & Ashley Cannon, Vera Institute