

**PYSCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD HEARING MINUTES for: January 12, 2024 [1 of 2](#)**

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| <b>ACQUITTEE</b>          | <b>HEARING PURPOSE (H)/<br/>BOARD CONFERENCE (BC)</b>   | <b>HEARING OUTCOME (H) /<br/>BOARD CONFERENCE (BC)</b>  | <b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT = ✓<br/>(R) = recused</b>   |
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| <b>Timothy Granata</b>    | Mandatory Review (C.G.S., Section 17a-585) postponed from 10/6/2023- Postponed in accordance with C.G.S. Sec 17a-598(a) <b>(H)</b>  | Remains confined to Dutcher Service   | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>Reginald Yearwood</b>  | Mandatory Review (C.G.S., Section 17a-585) <b>(H)</b>   | Remains confined to Dutcher Service   | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>David McKeever</b>     | Mandatory Review (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-585) and Notice of Transfer to a Less Restrictive Hospital Setting dated July 5, 2023 (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-599) *hearing at request of State Attorney postponed from September 8, 2023 <b>(H)</b> | Board voted to reopen hearing to allow for Board review of Attorney Briefs due 1/26/24  | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>Wilfrid Leveille</b>   | Mandatory Review (C.G.S., Sec. 17a-585) and Application for Discharge filed by Attorney William O'Connor dated November 20, 2023 <b>(H)</b>   | Remains on Conditional Release. Board votes to recommend discharge to the Superior Court.   | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>Susan Silva</b>        | Applications for Modification of Conditional Release (2), filed by Community Mental Health Affiliates (C.G.S., Sec.17a-591) (3) <b>STIPULATED (H)</b>   | Board approves Modification for Ms. Silva to gradually self administer medications. Board approves Modification to have visits with spouse for up to 4 hours per week, with the contingency that staff provides transportation. | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>William Webber</b>     | Application for Modification of Conditional Release, filed by Wester Connecticut Mental Health Network (C.G.S., Sec.17a-591) <b>STIPULATED (H)</b>  | Board approves Mr. Webber to have a cell phone with internet access but denies unlimited internet access.   | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>Jolanta Sokolowski</b> | Modification of Temporary Leave Request submitted by Whiting Forensic Hospital dated December 18, 2023 (C.G.S. 17a-587) <b>(BC)</b>   | Board approves modification of Temporary Leave to include additional residence (site).  | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D.,ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |

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| <b>Thomas Connors</b>       | Special Report submitted by Whiting Forensic Hospital dated December 13, 2023<br><b>(BC)</b>                        | Board accepts report as written.   | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>Franklin Foster</b>      | Special Report submitted by Southwest CT Mental Health of Greater Bridgeport dated December 14, 2023<br><b>(BC)</b> | Board acknowledges the report and requests additional information from Community Support Team. | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |
| <b>Christopher D'Angelo</b> | Special Report submitted by Whiting Forensic Hospital dated December 22, 2023<br><b>(BC)</b>                        | Board accepts report and requests additional information.                                      | (✓) Michael Pepper, Esq.<br>(✓) Mark Kirschner, Ph.D., ABPP<br>(✓) Cheryl Abrams, M.S.<br>(✓) John Bonetti, D.D.<br>(✓) Renesha Nichols, DSW, LCSW<br>(✓) Wakana Hirota, LCSW |