

Minutes
First Meeting of the Hate Crime Advisory Council Restitution
Programs and Sentencing Subcommittee
Thursday, October 7, 2021

Meeting called to order shortly after 2:00 p.m. remotely by Subcommittee Chair, Douglas Lavine.

Members present:

- Tashun Bowden Lewis
- Richard Colangelo
- Makana Ellis
- Devon Fray
- Erene Hammond
- Fernando Muniz
- Peter Reynolds
- Leonard Rodriguez

Business:

- Subcommittee Chair, Douglas Lavine welcomed the group and asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves and identify their affiliation. Judge Lavine reminded the members of the subcommittee that their charge was to review sentencing recommendations and restorative justice (alternative sentencing) measures for first-time offenders, juvenile offenders, and repeat offenders, with the goal of improving the state's scheme for sentencing hate crime offenders.
- It was agreed that future meetings would be held on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo agreed to handle the technical and logistical aspects of setting up the meetings and agreed to send out a link which could be used in the future.
- Judge Lavine stressed that this was a joint endeavor and that members of the subcommittee were chosen because of their experience, knowledge and creativity. Members were urged to contribute ideas, constructive criticism, suggestions for speakers, and anything else that would advance the subcommittee's work.
- How to organize the subcommittee was discussed. Tashun Bowden-Lewis suggested that each member should be asked to work on one or two areas. The idea was agreed to by consensus. Erene Hammond suggested that investigating areas of the social sciences outside of strictly legal

sources would be helpful. Her idea was welcomed.

- Judge Lavine asked every member to email him by early next week, indicating which of the areas appearing under Item 5, New Business, they would like to work on—restitution for victims, victim compensation fund, conditions of probation, psychological and emotional harm, community services to remedy damage caused by such crimes, alternative sentencing programs for first time offenders and juveniles, restorative justice, use of victim advocates, or other subjects. At future meetings, subcommittee members will be asked to report on what ideas they are considering and subcommittee members will be asked to share their thoughts.
- The date for the next meeting was set as November 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.