

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## **Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

1:00 PM

*IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus*

*Central Connecticut State University*

*New Britain, CT*

**Members Present:** John Santa (chair); Vivien K. Blackford; Atty. Kevin Kane; Michael Lawlor (phone); Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann; and Hon. Patrick L. Carroll.

**Staff:** Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), and Atty. Leland Moore (Staff)

**Also Participating:** Maureen Price-Boreland and Mary Janicki

## **MINUTES**

### **I. MEETING CONVENED**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 2.10.16 MEETING**

The minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **III. STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING**

Maureen Price-Boreland and Atty. Moore presented their assessment of the Commission's voting procedures. The committee discussed the assessment along with potential changes to existing procedures. Judge Carroll moved that Atty. Moore and Ms. Price-Boreland develop a proposal outlining changes to the Commission's voting procedures for review at the April committee meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted after discussion.

### **IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Tsarkov provided an update on the Commission's 2016 legislative proposals and the public hearing testimony submitted on behalf of the Commission.

### **V. BUDGET UPDATE**

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Mr. Tsarkov updated the committee on the Sentencing Commission's budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

## **VI. RESEARCH UPDATE**

### a. Pretrial Release and Detention

Mr. Tsarkov provided an update on Commission's evaluation of pretrial release and detention. Committee members discussed the evaluation at length.

### b. Diversionary Programs

Mary Janicki—University Assistant with the Pew MacArthur Results First Initiative—spoke briefly on the role that the Results First initiative will play in evaluating Connecticut's diversionary programs.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m.

## **VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mr. Santa adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.