CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2016
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Legislative Office Building, Room 1C
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT

Minutes

***Members Present**: Vivien Blackford; Hon. Patrick Carroll; Richard Sparaco (on behalf of Carleton Giles); Hon. Robert Farr; Stephen Grant; Atty. Kevin Kane; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Michael Lawlor; Chief Mark A. Palmer; Atty. Natasha Pierre; Maureen Price-Boreland; John Santa (Vice Chair); Karen Martucci (on behalf of Scott Semple); Atty. Susan O. Storey; Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann; and Hon. Gary White.*

***Members Absent:** Hon. David M. Borden, Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Hon. Robert J. Devlin, William R. Dyson, Tracey L. Meares, Dora B. Schriro, and Atty. David Shepack.*

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

***Guests:** Mary Janicki (IMRP/Results First) and Renee La Mark Muir (IMRP).*

I. MEETING CONVENED

John Santa called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2016

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 10th meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC ACT NO. 15-84

Richard Sparaco provided an overview of the newly developed hearing process for and updated the Commission on the implementation of P.A. § 15-84. Mr. Sparaco indicated that the Board of Pardons and Paroles would be willing to provide another update on the implementation process at a future commission meeting.

Stephen Grant provided an update on CSSD's implementation of the Act and discussed its impact on pre-sentence investigation ("PSI") reports.

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IV. REPORT: CERTIFICATES OF EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM EVALUATION

Renee La Mark Muir provided an update on the Certificates of Employability Program Evaluation and submitted the initial report to the Commission for adoption. Vivien Blackford moved to adopt the report; the motion was seconded by Richard Sparaco. The report was adopted unanimously after discussion.

V. 2016 LEGISLATION

Executive Director Alex Tsarkov provided a summary of action taken on the Commission's legislative proposals during the 2016 Legislative Session. Mr. Tsarkov also provided a brief update on the disposition of legislation that effected the work of the Commission.

VI. RESEARCH UPDATE

Stephen Grant and Robert Farr reported that the Special Committee and its subcommittees are making progress on the study of sex offenders and will have more to report at the September Commission meeting.

Executive Director Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the Commission's evaluation of pretrial release and detention.

Mary Janicki—IMRP/Results First Initiative—updated the Commission on the status of the review of Connecticut's pretrial diversionary programs and reported that research staff are working with CSSD to obtain program data.

VII. STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING

Maureen Price-Boreland briefly discussed her work revising the Commission's voting procedure.

Vice Chair John Santa commented on Steering's review of the Commission's committee structure.

Atty. Moore reported that the Commission staff are working with the researchers, CSSD, and DOC to develop an MOU for the evaluation of risk and needs-based sentencing.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Several announcements were made. Mr. Tsarkov noted that the Commission will hold a public hearing in October. More information about the hearing will be provided as details are worked out.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:53 p.m.

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This meeting was recorded digitally by CT-N. Additional meeting materials are available on the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's website at www.ct.gov/ctsc/

2016 Commission Schedule

Meetings: **September 8th and December 8th.**
(Time: 2-4pm; Location: Legislative Office Building)

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