

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION RECIDIVISM REDUCTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 24th, 2014
9:00am – 10:30 a.m.
Café
Department of Correction

24 Wolcott Hill Rd, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Members Present: Maureen Price-Boreland, Vivien Blackford, Pete Gioia, Scott Semple, Tara Brooks (on behalf of Susan Quinlan)

Members Absent: John Santa, Robert Farr, Steven Grant, Steve Lanza

Also Participating: Andrew Clark, Kim Holley, Ivan Kuzyk, Monica Rinaldi, Leland Moore, Karl Lewis, Tara Brooks (on behalf of Sue Quinlan), Alana Rosenburg, Renee Muir

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

Ms. Price-Boreland called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. COMMISSIONER SEMPLE'S WELCOME AND REMARKS

- **DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Scott Semple welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the Department of Correction is exploring the possibility of creating centralized reintegration centers to consolidate re-entry services and reduce recidivism.*

IV. UPDATE- EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SUBGROUP

- *DISCUSSION: Maureen Price-Boreland the Employment and Training Working Group's report to the committee. She highlighted the correlation of educational attainment and vocational training to reduced recidivism and Uniform School District #1's role in the process. Kim Holley pointed out that GED attainment, by itself, is not an accurate measure of a student's progress and suggested a more holistic method of measurement. Discussion continued on the various benchmarks that may correlate to reduced recidivism rates. A working group was contemplated to assist the Department of Correction, Parole, and Unified School District #1 with the collection of employment, earnings, education, and other data that could correlate to recidivism rates.*

V. UPDATE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

- *DISCUSSION: Vivien Blackford updated the committee on the Substance Abuse Working Group's progress and reported that the group has a number of recommendations to present in the near future.*

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was addressed.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.