

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

Hartford, CT

Members Present: *Hon. David Borden (Chair), Scott Semple, Mark Palmer, David Shepack, Hon. Gary White, Hon. Robert Devlin, Maureen Price-Boreland, Susan Pease, Susan Storey, Vivien Blackford, Stephen Grant, William Dyson, Thomas Ullmann, Carleton Giles, Dora Schriro*

Members Absent: *Hon. Patrick Carroll, Tracey Meares, John Santa, Patricia Rehmer, Mike Lawlor (Vice Chair), William Carbone, Kevin Kane, Peter Gioia*

Staff: *Andrew Clark, Leland J. Moore, Renee Muir*

Also Participating:

I. MEETING CONVENED

Justice Borden called the meeting to order at approximately 2:12 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2014

Upon a duly made and seconded motion, the minutes were **approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

III. 2014 NASC CONFERENCE

- **DISCUSSION:** Justice Borden was pleased to announce that the 2014 National Association of Sentencing Commissions (NASC) conference was a great success. He thanked Andrew Clark and Jason DePatie for their exemplar work, along with Yale Law School and everyone else who helped put the conference together. Mr. Clark informed the Commission that feedback from conference attendees has been compiled and will be distributed to Commission members via email. Ms. Blackford also noted that the conference was a great success.

IV. 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- **SB-153, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO CERTIFICATES OF REHABILITATION.**
 - **DISCUSSION:** Andrew Clark updated the Commission on the progress of the newly formed Implementation Working Group. Mr. Clark noted that

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Renee Muir is now assisting the Commission with this project and is conducting a 3-year longitudinal study. Ms. Muir has been working with the Board of Pardons and Paroles along with CSSD to create a database that will help track the program and allow for further review.

Mr. Clark also noted that part of the group's discussion has centered on the Commission's role in providing training to Employers and State Agencies. The group has agreed to craft a draft training protocol that will be presented to the Commission.

- **HB-5221, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING LENGTHY SENTENCES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY A CHILD OR YOUTH AND THE SENTENCING OF A CHILD OR YOUTH CONVICTED OF CERTAIN FELONY OFFENSES.**
 - DISCUSSION: Justice Borden asked the commission to renew consensus on the bill.
 - CONSENSUS: The Commission unanimously agreed to pursue this bill during the 2014 legislative session.

- **SB-259, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE ENHANCED PENALTY FOR THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF DRUGS NEAR SCHOOLS, DAY CARE CENTERS AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.**
 - CONSENSUS: This item was tabled for discussion at the retreat.

V. UPDATE: RETREAT WORKING GROUP

- DISCUSSION: Ms. Blackford updated the Commission on the work of the Retreat Planning Committee. The Committee has decided that the retreat will focus on the role and purpose of the Commission and will likely take place at Central Connecticut State University.

VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **STEERING**
 - DISCUSSION: Justice Borden updated the Commission on the work of the Steering Committee. The Committee has been working on the hiring process for a full-time executive director and has drafted a position description. The other item was to insert language into the Commission's enabling legislation authorizing the Commission to hire an executive director.
- **RECIDIVISM REDUCTION**
 - DISCUSSION: Ms. Blackford updated the Commission on the Substance Abuse Treatment Working Group.
- **RESEARCH**
 - DISCUSSION: Attorney Ullmann updated the Commission on the work of the Research Committee. They have received data from the judicial branch regarding mandatory minimum sentences that they will be working on in the near future.

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Andrew Clark introduced the Commission to Leland Moore. Leland is a recent law school graduate and will be assisting the Commission with research, program administration, and other projects as is needed. No other business was addressed.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.