

**Special Committee on Sex Offenders
Subcommittee on Sex Assessment and Management Meeting**

Friday, November 6, 2015

1:00 PM

Court Support Services Division
936 Silas Deane Highway, 4th Floor
Wethersfield, CT

Members Present: Gary Roberge (chair), David Rentler (chair), Laura Cordes, Eric Ellison, David D'Amora, Robert Santoemma, Sgt. Matthew Garcia, Tracy Miller, Atty. Katie Hefferman Farrell, Randall Wallace, Atty. Natasha Pierre, Atty. Patricia Froehlich and Marie Shamer.

Staff: Alex Tsarkov

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gary Roberge and David Rentler welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Special Committee on Sex Offenders' subcommittee on Sex Assessment and Management.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE SCOPE

Gary Roberge reviewed Special Act 15-2 and the work of the Special Committee on Sex Offenders. He also reviewed the draft study scope and staff resources from the Connecticut Sentencing Commission.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Gary Roberge and David Rentler opened the floor to members for their interests and suggestions for the subcommittee.

- Several members discussed the assessment and supervision of sex offenders. Discussion included recidivism rates, probation and parole supervision, technical violations and assessment tools.

- Several members discussed the Sex Offender Registry in Connecticut, tiered registries based on offense and risk, and the federal requirements for registries.
- Several members expressed concern for the lack of housing for sex offenders under supervision.
- Several members expressed concern with legislative proposals that create “sex offender free zones” around schools, day care centers and public housing.

V. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4th at 9:30pm at the Court Support Services Division.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A member of a group known at CT Fair Justice expressed her concern regarding registration of low risk offenders and lack of employment opportunities for former offenders.

No other business was addressed.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Gary Roberge adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:02 p.m.