

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Special Committee on Sex Offenders Subcommittee on Community and Victim Needs Meeting

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

9:30 AM –11:00 AM

Judicial Branch Offices – Room 4B

225 Spring Street

Wethersfield, CT 06109

Members Present: Thomas Canny, Linda Cimino, Laura Cordes (chair), Sgt. Matthew Garcia (chair), Atty. Gail Hardy, Atty. David McGuire, Frank Mirto, Chief Mark Palmer, Robert Santoemma, David Snyder, and Atty. Thomas Ullmann.

Staff: Atty. Leland J. Moore

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:32 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11.17.15

The minutes from the meeting on November 17th, 2015 were reviewed and approved.

III. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEX OFFENDERS—MEETING UPDATE

Atty. Moore provided a brief update on the work of the special committee on sex offenders and noted that the next meeting will take place on January 7th, 2016.

IV. ASSESSING VICTIM AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Ms. Cordes introduced a tentative plan to identify the needs and concerns of victims and community members through a series of focus groups and online surveys. Under this plan, the subcommittee intends to complete its information gathering by March of 2017 and submit its final recommendations to the special committee by September of 2017. The subcommittee co-chairs expect to submit this plan to the special committee for feedback in the near future.

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V. DRAFT STUDY SCOPE

Ms. Cordes and Sgt. Garcia opened the floor to questions, suggestions, and comments from subcommittee members regarding the draft study scope. Subcommittee members discussed the need to prioritize housing, provide information on management, and consider the impact of public education. Sgt. Garcia asked subcommittee members to email comments on the scope to himself and Ms. Cordes.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Three members of the public made remarks regarding sex offender offender recidivism and the public's understanding of—and access to—recidivism data.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on January 26th at 9:30am. The committee plans to meet on the last Tuesday of the month every month for the next 12 months.at 9:30am

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m.