CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Special Committee on Sex Offenders
Subcommittee on Community and Victim Needs
Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
9:30 AM –11:00 AM

Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services
225 Spring Street, 4th Floor Conference Room
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Members Present: Linda J. Cimino; Laura Cordes; Sgt. Matthew Garcia; Atty. Gail Hardy; Frank Mirto; Robert Santoemma; David Snyder; Fred Watton (on behalf of Richard Sparaco); Atty. Thomas Ullmann; and Atty. Antoinette Webster.

Staff: Atty. Leland J. Moore

Guests: Tracy Miller and Caitlin O'Brien.

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I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1.26.16

The minutes from the meeting on January 26th, 2016 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 be held on March 3rd at 2:00 PM in the Legislative Office Building.

IV. PRESENTATION: COMMON NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS AS IDENTIFIED BY POST CONVICTION SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATES.

Laura Cordes, Tracy Miller, and Caitlin O'Brien of the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence presented on the needs and concerns of sexual assault victims as identified by post conviction sexual assault victim advocates. Subcommittee members asked questions and discussed the responses in depth.

V. DISCUSSION: TIMELINE AND ACTION PLAN FOR ASSESSING COMMUNITY AND VICTIM NEEDS.

There was a consensus that the subcommittee will proceed with the survey and focus groups outlined in the action plan and begin implementation at the next subcommittee meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Three members of the public made remarks regarding the stigma faced by convicted sex offenders, sex offender treatment, and victims.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on March 22nd at 9:30 AM.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

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