

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, April 26, 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: Thomas Canny; Laura Cordes; Sgt. Matthew Garcia; Atty. David McGuire; Frank Mirto; Mark Palmer; Robert Santoemma; Atty. Thomas Ullmann; and Fred Watton (on behalf of Richard Sparaco).

Staff: Atty. Leland J. Moore

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2.23.16

The minutes from the meeting on February 23rd, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

III. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEX OFFENDERS—MEETING UPDATE

Ms. Cordes provided a brief update on the work of the special committee on sex offenders and noted that the next meeting will be held on May 11th at 2:00 PM in the Legislative Office Building.

IV. DISCUSSION

a. Data Request for SCSO Study

The subcommittee expressed an interest in the following information:

- The number of violent offenders and non-violent offenders on the registry
- The number of juvenile offenders and adult offenders on the registry

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- The number of individuals on the registry separated by the length of time they are required to register (life vs. 10 year)
- The length of time that offenders actually remain on the registry
- The number of offenders on the registry who are under the supervision of parole and/or probation

b. Review of Subcommittee Timeline and Action Plan

The subcommittee reviewed the timeline and noted that survey and focus group activity will likely begin in the summer instead of the spring. Ms. Cordes discussed the potential partnership with an outside technical assistance provider to help facilitate the focus groups and help develop and administer a neutral survey. The subcommittee discussed the scope of the term “community member” and who that would likely apply to. It was decided that the technical assistance provider would help the subcommittee define the term moving forward.

c. Next Steps

Ms. Cordes & Sgt. Garcia indicated that they would follow up with Sentencing Commission Executive Director Alex Tsarkov in regard to technical assistance. Atty. Moore indicated that he would email the data request to the subcommittee co-chairs.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on either May 31st or June 7th at 9:30 AM.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.