

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Research, Measurement, and Evaluation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Social Science Hall - Room 208

Central Connecticut State University

1615 Stanley Street

New Britain, CT 06051

Members Present: *Dean Susan Pease (Co-Chair); Thomas Ullmann, Esq. (Co-Chair); Maureen Price-Boreland; Mike Norko; Linda Frisman; Deborah Fuller, Esq.; and Vilmaris Diaz-Doran.*

Also Participating: *Leland Moore, Esq. and Madonna Burns*

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:30 p.m.

II. REVIEW “GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH COMMITTEE”

DISCUSSION: The committee reviewed and discussed the draft guidelines from September 2012. The committee also discussed the Commission’s charge under PA 14-27 (“Certificate of Employability”). The committee expressed an interest in hearing from Renee La Mark Muir and Miguel de Figueiredo at its next meeting.

III. REQUEST FOR APPLICATION:

DISCUSSION: Linda Frisman distributed an evaluation which would give potential researchers some flexibility; then presented on the potential impact of need and risk-based sentencing in Connecticut. This evaluation was warmly welcomed by the committee with plans to have members email additional comments for a revised version on time for the next full commission meeting.

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IV. EDUCATION AND TRAINING RESOURCES FOR INCARCERATED OFFENDERS

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Price-Boreland presented on “reentry and recidivism” and expressed concerns about the education process, or lack thereof, for the inmates. The committee agreed to meet with the Commissioner to ask for help in setting a goal to have the right tools to acquire more knowledge, with disregard for possible critique.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Diaz-Doran reported that it was agreed upon by Dean Pease, Mr. Ullmann, and Probation and Paroles, that a separate meeting would be held for their report presentation.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.