

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Judicial Branch Offices / Office of Victim Services

225 Spring Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Wethersfield, CT 06109

**Members Present:** Lindo Cimino; Laura Cordes; Robert Farr; Sgr. Matthew Garcia; Atty. David McGuire; Frank Mirto; Mark Palmer; and David Snyder.

**Staff:** Gus Marks-Hamilton.

**Also Participating:** Lisa Tepper-Bates

### MINUTES

#### **I. Meeting Convened**

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes from 2.28.2017**

The minutes from the meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

#### **III. Guest Speaker**

Lisa Tepper-Bates, the executive director of Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, gave a presentation on housing issues and homelessness for sex offenders. Members of the committee asked questions and discussed the restrictions on federal housing vouchers and subsidies for individuals on the sex offender lifetime registry.

#### **IV. Status Update of Surveys**

- A. Lisa Cordes gave an update on the translations of the surveys into Spanish.
- B. Robert Farr updated members of the committee on the retirement of Stephen Grant and the appointment of Gary Roberge as the co-chair of the Special Committee on Sex Offenders.

#### **V. Public Comments**

Members of the public made remarks regarding the direct and indirect consequences of the sex offender registry, sentencing and supervision.

**VI. Spring Meeting Dates**

The subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 25h, 2017. This date may be changed due to committee members' commitments.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.