

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)  
MINUTES  
FOR  
THURSDAY, April 26, 2012 MEETING**

*Members Present:* Chairman Michael Lawlor, *Undersecretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM*; Leo Arnone, *Commissioner, Department of Corrections*; Kevin Kane, *Chief State's Attorney*; Dan Bannish, *Department of Corrections*; Susan O. Storey, *Chief Public Defender*; Laura Cordes, *Executive Director, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Center(CONNSACS)*; Claudette Beaulieu, *Department of Children and Families*; Judge Patrick Carroll, *Deputy Chief Court Administrator Judicial Branch Public Safety*; Richard P. Healey, *Public Member*. Laurie Deneen, *Public Member*. Scott Kaupin; Mayor of Enfield

**I. Welcome Mike Lawlor, Under Secretary, OPM CJPPD**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**II. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented

**III. Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes were approved

**IV. Commission of Correspondence**

There was no commission correspondence

**V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**I. Agency Updates**

**Discussion Regarding Annual Risk, Reentry and Recidivism Strategy.**

**William Carbone, Executive Director of CSSD** - made a presentation updated the members on the new Intensive Probation Program which includes support services. Currently, the program is up to approximately 200 people. Mr. Carbone also discussed the recidivism rate is at a 24-month low. He compared 2007-2012. In 2007 the recidivism rate was 47% and in 2012 the rate is 42%. Mr. Carbone highlighted that it is continuing to trend downward and moving in a positive direction.

Chairman Lawlor commented that some of the difference between 2008 and 2012 is new policies, new resources being allocated and new models being used.

**Laura Cordes, Executive Director, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services**

**(CONNSACS)** Ms. Cordes highlighted that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**Pat Rehmer, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services**

**(DMHAS)** Commissioner Rehmer discussed the lasted RFP which was released and the collaboration with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services regarding a shared nursing home. The focus of the shared nursing home is the number of end-of-sentence individuals that have needs which would be better served in a nursing home setting. Currently, there were three respondents and DMHAS is expecting to make an evaluation over the next few weeks.

**Dr. Dan Bannish, Department of Corrections** - Gave an update on sex offenders. Dr. Bannish stated that he has met with and seen the best programs in the nation and now they are at the point where DOC is putting pen to paper. He discussed that the partnerships between supervision and CONNSACS is as good as other states. DOC is looking internally to see how to best release offenders into the community based on their assessment and evaluation. He emphasized the \$95 million dollar price tag associated with health care in the Department of Corrections. Dr. Bannish also highlighted that inmates continue to use the benefits they learn while incarcerated as they transition back into society.

In addition, Dr. Bannish discussed inmates who are eligible for Medicaid upon release and the continued positive relationship with the Department of Social services. He highlighted that more people are coming out who are eligible and accepted into Medicaid program.

**Susan Storey, Chief Public Defender** - Chief Public Defender Susan Storey highlighted the repeal of the death penalty and the anticipation of the Governor signing the bill. She highlighted the significant cost savings associated with the repeal of the death penalty. Ms. Storey also discussed habeas corpus reform and that the initial response has been successful.

Ms. Storey stated that 33% of the current caseload is domestic violence related issues. She stressed that the social workers are currently carrying a pretty substantial caseload. In addition, Ms. Storey gave recognition to the social workers saying what an instrumental role the social workers are playing.

Ms. Storey also stated that the public defender's office is currently working on comparative programs.

## **II. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building.