

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)  
MINUTES  
FOR  
THURSDAY, November 29, 2012 MEETING**

*Members Present:* Chairman Michael Lawlor, *Undersecretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM*; Judge Carroll, *Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Branch*, Pat Rehmer, *Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services*, Reuben Bradford, *Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection*; Kevin Kane, *Chief State's Attorney*, Leo Arnone, *Commissioner, Department of Correction*; Erika M. Tindill, *Chairman, Board of Pardons and Paroles*; *Deputy Commissioner, Department of Labor*; Susan O. Storey, *Chief Public Defender*; Dan Bannish, *Director of Behavioral Health, Department of Correction*; Bill H. Carbone, *Executive Director, Court Support Services Division, Judicial Branch*, Laurie Deneen, *Esq, Public Member*.

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

Chairman Lawlor convened the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

First, the Connecticut Sentencing Commission is considering recommendations they intend to present to the legislature through the Judiciary Committee, which the committee requested. The recommendations relate to the sentencing of an individual who committed a crime when they were under the age of 18, including a prospective change in the law and a change in the mechanism as it relates to inmates who are in that category, others who committed a crime under 18 and sentenced to a relatively long sentence.

The focus of the Sentencing Commission has come about from three recent United States Supreme Court decision in effect declared a life sentence without the possibility of parole for a juvenile is unconstitutional and a violation of the Eighth Amendment. Many states may be reconsidering their current laws related to the sentencing of an individual who committed a crime when they were under the age of 18 due to the momentum behind the outcome of these cases and the sentencing of an individual under the age of 18.

The purpose of the November 29, 2012 Sentencing Commission meeting is to roll out a draft of the proposed recommendations to the legislature and to receive feedback before moving forward.

The second issue the Connecticut Sentencing Commission is considering is the so-called "Relief from Barriers" which would allow judges, Board of Pardon and Parole, etc. to have the ability to lift some of the prohibitions under the current law for convicted felons to make it possible for them to obtain employment on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the goal

**II. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves and stated what agency they represented.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved

**IV. Commission Correspondence**

There was no commission correspondence.

**V. Presentation by Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division:**

**The Use of GPS Technology to Monitor Domestic Violence Offenders.**

William Carbone – Executive Director  
Stephen Grant – Director of Family Services

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**VI. Agency Updates**

Members went around the table and updated the Commission on each of their agency activity. A detailed update of each agency can be found online at <http://ct-n.com/ondemand.asp?ID=8435>

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – Commissioner Rehmer indicated that the Crisis Intervention Team, which partners with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will be holding an international conference at the Connecticut Convention Center October 14-16, 2013. This is an opportunity to showcase what Connecticut is doing. The Crisis Intervention Team started in 2000 and many police officers and departments are using the team and have seen great success over the years on the frontlines in the criminal justice system.

Judicial Branch – Judge Carroll stated that with much of CJPAC’s meeting and discussion focused on domestic violence, it was important to note the passing of Judge Lawrence Hauser who was a champion in the fight to end domestic violence. He was the first judge to preside over domestic violence cases and considered a national expert. Judge Carroll further discussed that the IT Department continues to work towards a paperless criminal courtroom, which is part of an overall effort to re-engineer the courtroom. He feels that it’s essential as the Judicial Branch’s workforce continues to shrink and moving towards a paperless criminal courtroom will certainly increase efficiency and eliminate duplication efforts in the courtroom. In addition, this will allow the Judicial Branch to move closer to electronic books

which is important to municipal and state police.

Board of Pardons and Paroles – Chairwoman Erika Tindill discussed the Board’s efforts around the implementation of the Statewide Collaborative Offender Risk Evaluation System (SCORES) and its move forward and the training beginning in January. The University of Cincinnati will be visiting to help in the training of the Department of Corrections and the Board of Pardon and Paroles personnel.

Department of Children and Family – Commissioner Katz updated the commission that DCF has an increase presence in New Haven and with the New Haven Police Department. Commissioner Katz indicated that she met with the New Haven Police Chief Dean Esserman in October to discuss a number of initiatives DCF and NHPD will be working on. Despite Raise the Age, the population at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School has not escalated and the number is approximately at 109. The number of Juvenile Justice population out of state eight months ago was around 80 and the number is currently below 20. With the Office of Policy and Management’s permission, the Department is looking to open a facility to accommodate that population.

Department of Correction – Commissioner Arnone discussed the current population. Overall, the total population is down 5.2% from where it was a year ago. The sentenced population is down by 7%. The accused population is up by 2.4%. The community supervised population is up by 4.2%. Commissioner Arnone also provided to the group an update on the house arrest law, which was passed by the legislature in 2011 and gave DOC discretion to release those convicted of driving under the influence to serve the sentence through supervised home confinement.

Department of Emergency Service and Public Protection – Commissioner Bradford updated the group that the Division of Scientific Services has a new director. The new director will begin on December 28, 2012. Commissioner Bradford wanted to thank the Governor’s working group with was chaired by Mike Lawlor.

Chief State’s Attorney – Kevin Kane discussed eyewitness identification and recording of interrogation and updated the group on the progress that has made. However, a great deal of training is needed by all law enforcement groups involved but could result in great benefits.

Chief Public Defender’s Office – Susan Storey announced the agency’s new chief social worker and will probably be one of the point people that will be working collaboratively with many of the agencies represented at CJPAC. Ms. Storey also discussed a recent visit from David Carroll from the Sixth Amendment, which is based out of Boston and works together with various public defender offices throughout the nation.

**VII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

VIII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. The next CJPAC meeting will be Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1C