

Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission
Legislative Office building
Minutes for September 9, 2010 Meeting
9:00 AM

Members present: Brian Austin, Undersecretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management, *Chairperson*; Judge Patrick Carroll, Deputy Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Branch; William H. Carbone, Executive Director, Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division; Robert Farr, Chairman Board of Pardons and Parole; Kevin Kane, Chief State's Attorney; Susan Storey, Chief Public Defender; Robert Farr, Chairman, Board of Pardons and Parole; Leo Arnone, Acting Commissioner, Department of Correction; Lt. Ed Henion, Department of Public Safety; Nancy Kushins, Executive Director CONNSACS; Susan Hamilton, Commissioner Department of Children and Families; Dr. Michael Norko, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Claudette Beaulieu, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services; Laurie Deneen; Mayor Scott Kaupin.

Chair Brian Austin convened the meeting to order at 9:10am. The Commission members introduced themselves. Governor Rell appointed Scott Kaupin, Mayor, Town of Enfield as a new commission member to fill a vacant member position.

The minutes for the June 10, 2010 meeting were unanimously accepted.

Public Comment: There was no comment.

Presentation and Discussion: Director Carbone provided an overview of the CSSD program, *Woman Offender Case Management Model (WOCMM)*. An independent research firm, Orbis Partners Inc., in collaboration with USDOJ conducted an evaluation of the WOCMM and discussed the methodology for assessment of outcomes and measurement of recidivism. The WOCMM is an evidence-based model to deliver gender responsive services to women offenders. The model is offered through specialized probation units based in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and New Britain. Please see the posted PowerPoint presentation.

Ivan Kuzyk from the Research Unit in Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division presented an analysis of offenders and weapons and the rate of recidivism. Please see the posted PowerPoint presentation and Report.

Chairman Farr announced that the BOPP was selected by National Institute of Corrections to participate in a research project to develop a new decision-making structure. The BOPP was also selected by the USDOJ to participate in a program to create "learning sites" for parole boards.

Acting Commissioner Arnone reviewed new appointments within the DOC. Prison population increased slightly during the "summer peak". DOC continues to work with ICE. During August, 380 hearings were conducted via the new video conferencing technology resulting in significant savings in transportation

costs. DOC is preparing plans for a new modern computer information system if bond funding becomes available.

Dr. Norko reported that DMHAS will participate in a federally funded project to help people become SSI and SSDI eligible. DMHAS will invite other agencies to participate in the training. DMHAS continues to work with other agencies on developing a MOA for releasing client information to be used by other state agencies.

Judge Carroll reported that the Judicial Branch will pilot a new paperless infraction system which will be used by police and the courts. The Judicial Branch is collaborating with other agencies to “roll-out” three new legislatively mandated domestic violence dockets. Judicial Branch is collaborating with DMHAS and other agencies on developing a process and training for conducting “competency exams”. The Branch is exploring ways to reduce backlogs of cases in specific GAs. The Office of Victim Services is preparing to launch the new automated victim notification system. The video conferencing technology is being installed in all court houses. The video technology will also be installed in the Whiting Forensic Institute.

Undersecretary Austin thanked the agencies for collaboratively developing the August 2010 cross-training conference. The conference included 300 attendees and all of the workshops received very good “exit” evaluations. OPM continues to provide updates to the Governor and the federal agencies on the status of the ARRA funded criminal justice projects. OPM is collaborating with the other agencies to identify key criminal justice issues for transition to the next administration.

Remaining 2010 Meeting Schedule

November 10, 2010	9:00 AM, Legislative Office Building, Room 1B
December 09, 2010	9:00 AM, Legislative Office Building, Room 1B