

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## **Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

185 Main Street

New Britain, CT

**Members Present:** Vivien Blackford; Hon. Patrick L. Carroll; Atty. Kevin Kane; Hon. Michael P. Lawlor and; John Santa (Acting Chair).

**Staff:** Andrew Clark, Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Atty. Leland J. Moore, and Gus Marks-Hamilton

**Also participating:** Atty. Rick Taff

## **MINUTES**

### **I. MEETING CONVENED**

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:23 PM

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 10.26.2016 MEETING**

The minutes from the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### **III. PROJECT UPDATES**

#### *A. Proposed Bylaws*

Atty. Leland Moore updated committee members on the feedback he had previously requested from Commission members. The only feedback received noted that that article four did not contain an internal cross-reference to the section describing the appointment of the chair. Committee members suggested that that a reference to the commission's enabling legislation be added to the first line of section 3.1 and that a reference to section 3.1 (15) be added at the end of section 4.3. Atty. Kane moved that the Steering Committee once again report favorably on the draft bylaws—with the additional amendment—and submit the report to the Commission for consideration at its next regular meeting." The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### *B. Pretrial Release & Detention*

Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the work of staff and advisory group members on the evaluation of pretrial release and detention. Mr. Tsarkov presented an outline of the forthcoming report and a timeline for completion. Mr. Tsarkov briefly described the forthcoming data analysis by Flint Springs Associates along with some preliminary results. A brief discussion of the results ensued.

*C. Diversion Programs*

Mr. Tsarkov briefly described the progress to date on the Commission's evaluation of pretrial diversion programs.

*D. Sex Offender Study*

Mr. Tsarkov briefly described the progress to date on the Commission's study on sex offenders and noted that the study is due by December 2017.

*E. Working Group on the Reorganization of Statutes Concerning Illegal Sale of Drugs*

Atty. Taff presented a draft proposal from the Working Group on the Reorganization of Statutes Concerning Illegal Sale of Drugs. Hon. Patrick L. Carroll moved that Steering adopt the proposal and direct staff to draft a resolution for review and consideration at the Commission's next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Vivien Blackford and adopted unanimously after discussion.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing on sex offenders will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Room 1C of the Legislative Office Building.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

The committee decided that its final meeting of the year will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

**VI. MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM