

Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 31, 2017

2:00 PM

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

Members Present: Vivian Blackford; Hon Patrick L. Carroll; Hon. Robert Devlin (Chair); Atty. Kevin Kane; Atty. Maureen Price-Boreland; John Santa; and Atty. Thomas J. Ullman.

Staff Present: Andrew Clark; Mary Janicki; Gus Marks-Hamilton; and Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director).

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 4.11.2017 MEETING

The minutes from the April 11th, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- A. Hon. Robert Devlin informed members that SB 1032, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission Concerning a Technical Reorganization of Statutes Involving the Illegal Sale of Controlled Substances, was passed by the state House and Senate and signed into law by Governor Malloy. Judge Devlin noted the work that Attorney Rick Taff put into the bill and that the Commission had sent him a letter of appreciation.
- B. Alex Tsarkov informed members that HB 7044 An Act Concerning Pretrial Justice Reform, is on the House calendar.
- C. Alex Tsarkov informed members that HB 7262, An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission with Respect to Victim Notification, was passed by the House and is on the Senate calendar.
- D. Alex Tsarkov informed members that SB 1040, An Act Concerning Notification to Boards of Education and Local Police Departments of the Release of a Juvenile Sex Offender, was passed the Senate and is on the House calendar. Members discussed the possibility of the Commission sending a letter to the leadership of the Judiciary Committee and Sen. McLachlan

informing them that the Commission is currently working on a comprehensive sex offender study per Special Act No. 15-2, An Act Concerning a Study of the Sexual Offender Registration System. The final report to the legislature will be released in December and will address the areas of concern brought up by Sen. McLachlan.

IV. PROJECTS UPDATE

- A. Alex Tsarkov updated members on the ongoing Pretrial Release and Detention Study. The next meeting of the Advisory Group on Pretrial Release and Detention will be held on June 19th at 2 p.m.
- B. Hon. Robert Devlin updated members on the progress of the Sex Offender Study.

V. SENTENCING COMMISSION SYMPOSIUM ON PRETRIAL JUSTICE

Hon. Robert Devlin and Alex Tsarkov discussed with members the possibility of holding a one-day symposium in October on issues of pretrial justice.

VI. WORKING GROUP ON COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION

John Santa proposed that the Commission form a working group on the collateral consequences of criminal convictions. Members agreed and will bring this proposal to the full Commission.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on July 25th at 2 p.m.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.