

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2016

2:00 PM

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

Members Present: John Santa (chair); Vivien Blackford; Atty. Kevin Kane; Michael Lawlor; Atty. Thomas J. Ullmann; and Hon. Patrick L. Carroll.

Also Participating: Andrew Clark, Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), and Atty. Leland Moore (Staff)

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:18 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 12.10.15 MEETING

The minutes of the December 10th, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN PART 1

The committee discussed the process for implementing the Commission's strategic plan and reviewed a timeline and work plan drafted by Atty. Moore. Minor revisions were made to the timeline and committee members volunteered to work on various aspects of the plan and report back to the committee by the dates specified in the timeline.

IV. UPDATE: Examination of Bail and Pretrial Diversionary Programs

Mr. Tsarkov provided an update on the Commission's upcoming evaluations of pretrial release and detention and pretrial diversionary programs. Mr. Tsarkov reported that the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) will be presenting on pretrial release and detention at the March 10th Commission meeting and anticipates that the evaluation will begin shortly afterwards. He noted that the evaluation of pretrial diversionary programs is still in the early planning phase

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and that more information will be provided at the next Steering Committee meeting.

V. RESEARCH COMMITTEE REQUEST: Evidence Based Sentencing Proposals

The committee discussed the evidence based sentencing proposal and the applications received in response to said proposal. The committee also discussed the finalist recommended by the research committee and the resources that will be required if the Commission decided to move forward with the proposal. The committee moved to refer the Research Committee's recommendation to the Commission for consideration at its March 10th meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd at 1:00p.m.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Santa adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.