

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Special Committee on Sex Offenders

Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

2:00 PM

Legislative Office Building, Room 1E

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT

Members Present: Atty. Brian Austin, Vivien K. Blackford, Linda Cimino, Laura Cordes, David D'Amora, Hon. Robert Devlin, Atty. Robert Farr (co-chair), Stephen Grant (co-chair), Eric Ellison (on behalf of Karen Martucci), Mark Palmer, Natasha Pierre, David Rentler, Lisa Tepper Bates, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan (on behalf of Thomas Ullmann), and Antoinette Webster.

Staff: Andrew Clark (Acting Executive Director), Leland J. Moore, and Alex Tsarkov.

Also Participating: Eduardo Palmieri and Sgt. Matthew Garcia.

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:04 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stephen Grant and Robert Farr welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Sentencing Commission's Special Committee on Sex Offenders.

III. COMMITTEE CHARGE

Mr. Grant reviewed the committee charge and noted its importance and scope.

IV. GOALS, OVERVIEW, TIMELINE, AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Andrew Clark provided committee members an overview of the history behind Special Act No. 15-2, the legislation that led to the formation of the committee.

Mr. Grant noted that the committee is required to file an interim report by February 1st, 2016 and a final report by December 15th, 2017. Mr. Grant and Atty. Farr appointed three subcommittees to investigate and work on various aspects of the committee's charge. Atty. Thomas Ullmann and Atty. Brian Austin were appointed to

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co-chair a subcommittee on sex offender sentencing. David Rentler and Gary Roberge were appointed to co-chair a subcommittee on the management and assessment of sex offenders. Finally, Sgt. Matthew Garcia and Laura Cordes were appointed to co-chair a subcommittee on community and victim needs. Mr. Grant noted that individuals interested in serving on a subcommittee should email Atty. Leland J. Moore at Leland.Moore@ccsu.edu.

V. PRESENTATION ON CONNECTICUT SEXUAL OFFENDER MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT

Eduardo Palmieri, Deputy Director for Adult Probation and Bail Services, presented on the assessment, management, housing, and supervision of sex offenders in Connecticut.

VI. PRESENTATION ON FEDERAL/STATE SEX OFFENDER LAW

David D'Amora, from the Council of State Governments Justice Center, provided a comprehensive overview of sex offender registration in the United States.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Grant noted that the special committee will meet from 2-4pm in the legislative office building on October 14th, November 18th, and December 9th. Atty. Farr noted that a schedule of subcommittee meetings is forthcoming.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Grant adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:33 p.m.

The proceedings of this committee were recorded digitally by CT-N. Additional meeting materials are available on the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's website at www.ct.gov/ctsc/