

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Research, Measurement, and Evaluation Committee

Thursday, June 25, 2015

2:30 p.m.

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT 06051

Members Present: Atty. Thomas Ullmann (Co-Chair), Brian Hill (for Stephen Grant), Atty. Robert Farr, Vivien Blackford, Linda Frisman, and Michael Norko.

Also Participating: Andrew Clark (Acting Executive Director), Atty. Leland Moore (Staff), and Madonna Burns (Staff).

Guests: Maureen Price-Boreland

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:51 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 5th, 2015

The minutes from the 5.19.15 meeting were reviewed and approved by all members voting. Linda Frisman abstained.

III. DISCUSSION: S.A. 15-2 (Sex Offender Registration Study Mandate)

Committee members discussed the sexual offender study mandated by Special Act 15-2. It was noted that Justice Borden has established a special committee tasked with completing the study. The special committee is to be chaired by Atty. Farr and Mr. Grant.

IV. PROPOSAL: Assessment of Correctional Education in Connecticut

Maureen Price-Boreland noted that access to education is a relevant factor in reducing recidivism and emphasized the necessity of improving efforts to support educational opportunities within the Connecticut Department of Correction (DOC).

Specifically, Ms. Price-Boreland expressed concern that the General Educational Development (GED) test is administered exclusively in an electronic format, which may present a problem for individuals not familiar with this format.

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Mr. Grant, Atty. Ullmann, and Ms. Price-Boreland will meet with a representative from the DOC's Unified School District 1 to determine what information is available and how the Research Committee may be of assistance.

V. DISCUSSION: Study of Mandatory Minimums

The Committee postponed discussion of this agenda item until the next meeting.

VI. PROPOSAL: Diversionary Programs and First Time Offenders

Brian Hill agreed to obtain information regarding the population of first time offenders who do not take advantage of diversionary programs and return to the Research Committee with his findings.

VII. Request for Proposal

Andrew Clark agreed to determine whether it is feasible to issue the Request for Proposal (RFP) by utilizing Central Connecticut State University or the Commission itself. Ms. Frisman would like to know what the mechanism would be for issuing the RFP and how long it would take to score.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held at the end of July in downtown New Britain.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

Attorney Ullmann adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.