

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Research, Measurement, and Evaluation Committee

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

2:00 p.m.

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT 06051

Members Present: Atty. Thomas Ullmann (Co-Chair), Stephen Grant (Co-Chair), Atty. Robert Farr, Vilmaris Diaz-Doran, and John Santa.

Also Participating: Atty. Leland Moore (Staff) and Madonna Burns (Staff).

Guests: Brian Hill, Renee LaMark Muir, Miguel de Figueiredo, Vivien Blackford.

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:12 p.m.

II. WELCOME: STEPHEN GRANT

The Committee warmly welcomed Stephen Grant as its new Co-Chair.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015

The minutes from the 2.18.15 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

IV. COMMITTEE DIRECTION, GOALS, AND PRIORITIES:

Attorney Ullmann provided an overview of the Committee's ongoing projects, including but not limited to: the examination of data related to mandatory minimum sentencing, the use of cognitive behavioral therapy to impact offender behavior, and the Recidivism Reduction Committee's request for more information on educational opportunities for incarcerated offenders.

V. PROPOSAL: COMMITTEE ON RESPOSITORY FOR EMERGING RE-ENTRY RESEARCH.

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Mr. Grant introduced a proposal whereby the Research Committee would utilize the Commission's website as a repository for emerging re-entry research. The proposal was discussed by the members of the Committee and it was decided that the Committee chairs would discuss the issue with Justice Borden and Andrew Clark before proceeding further.

VI. UPDATE: P.A. 14-27 Evaluation

Miguel de Figueiredo and Renee La Mark Muir reported on the status of the Commission's statutorily mandated evaluation of the certificates of employability program.

VII. PROPOSAL: Frisman Request for Application

The Committee postponed consideration of this proposal until the next meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Farr suggested that the Committee study first time offenders and first time inmates to determine whether they are missing opportunities to pursue diversionary programs. The Committee decided to discuss this issue in further detail at its next meeting.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

Attorney Ullmann adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.