

**Meeting of the Incarceration and the Collateral Consequences of  
Criminal Conviction Subcommittee**

Friday, October 4, 2019

2:00 PM

*IMRP, Room 21005*

*Central Connecticut State University, Downtown Campus  
New Britain, CT*

**Minutes**

**Members present:** Michael Hines, Leland Moore, John Santa, Sarah Russell, Trina Sexton, Melissa Santiago, Hakima Bey-Coon, Brian Austin, Frank Ricco

**Staff:** Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Andrew Clark, Cynthia Samokar, Van Augur

**Quinnipiac University School of Law Students:** Morgan Daley, Elizabeth Carlson, Sarah Markham, Ashley Cerrin, Angela Tylock

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 2:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 8.28.2019 MEETING

Motion: Brian Austin

Second: Sarah Russell

The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. VOTING RIGHTS WORKING GROUP

Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the work of the Voting Rights working group. The group traveled to York Correctional Institution twice to conduct registration and absentee ballot application drives. There was a discussion about the possibility of a statutory proposal. The working group is planning a conference call on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss it further.

IV. COST OF INCARCERATION

Sarah Russell and the Quinnipiac University School of Law students presented on issues related to inmates having to pay for the cost of their incarceration. After discussion among members, the group agreed to have further discussion with the Department of Correction to get more information on the Department's policies and practices.

V. ERASURE OF RECORDS

Sarah Russell and the Quinnipiac University School of Law students provided an overview of the proposal to erase certain marijuana convictions.

VI. SEN. OSTEN'S REQUEST REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

The subcommittee discussed the recent request from Sen. Osten to conduct a study on mental health issues among inmates at correctional facilities. Attorney Mike Chase will chair the new subcommittee on mental health.

VII. COMPASSIONATE RELEASE MECHANISMS

Sarah Russell and the Quinnipiac University School of Law students presented on compassionate release mechanisms in Connecticut and other jurisdictions.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-2:30 p.m.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.