

## **Mental Health Subcommittee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 20, 2019

2:30 – 4:00 PM

185 Main St, Room 21005

New Britain, CT

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** *Robert J. Devlin, Gary Roberge, Chris Rapillo, Senator Cathy Osten, Michael Chase, John Santa, William Murphy, Michael Norko, Reena Kapoor, Thomas Canny, Kathy Flaherty, Gavin Galligan, Dr. Viviana Alvarez-Toro*

**Staff:** *Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Van Augur*

#### I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was convened at 2:40 p.m.

#### II. SEN. OSTEN'S REQUEST AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGE

Judge Devlin provided background on the Commission and its work. Sen. Osten provided background on the letter she sent to the Sentencing Commission and what she hoped to accomplish with the data collected through her request.

#### III. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The members discussed what input would be required for the study. Members expressed interest in inviting staff from the Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division. Kathy Flaherty requested that someone formerly incarcerated with mental illness join as a member of the subcommittee.

#### IV. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The subcommittee discussed the DOC's current system for classification of inmates with mental illness.

#### V. DISCUSSION ON THE RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Members of the subcommittee identified potential data sources, data collection approaches/limitations, and potential obstacles in identifying causal relationships for the three research questions posed by Sen. Osten. The subcommittee agreed on a one-year time frame for completing the study.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The subcommittee scheduled its next meeting for December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the IMRP office in New Britain. Staff will distribute a draft of the study scope prior to the next meeting.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51p.m.