CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 25th, 2023 2:00 – 3:30 PM Via Zoom MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Pavia (Chair), John Santa (Vice Chair), Anna VanCleave, Gary Roberge, Jennifer Zito, Gerald Harmon, Margaret Kelly, Michael Norko (on behalf of Commissioner Navarretta), Patrick Carroll, Patrick Griffin, Sarah Russell, Scott Sansom, William O'Connor (on behalf of TaShun Bowden-Lewis), Jennifer Zaccagnini, Kevin Lawlor (on behalf of Patrick Griffin), Joseph Schwartz, Steve Tavares, Hakima Bey-Coon (on behalf of Natasha Pierre).

Staff: Alex Tsarkov, Andrew Clark, Patricia O'Rourke, Louise Nadeau

Guests: Dr. Benjamin Howell, Farah Jean, Diane Sierpina, Kyle Baudoin

I. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting convened at 2:02 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 3.23.2023 MEETING

III. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Judge Pavia provided a summary of the changes in membership since the last meeting.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Alex Tsarkov provided updates on pending legislation.

V. TEN PERCENT CASH BAIL PROPOSAL

Judge Pavia and Alex Tsarkov reviewed the ten percent cash bail proposal from the Sentencing Commission to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court.

VI. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND SENTENCING COMMITTEE

Anna VanCleave provided an update on the next meeting of the subcommittee.

VII. MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

Judge Harmon provided an update on the delegation to the Decriminalizing Mental Illness: The Miami-Model Workshop.

Dr. Benjamin Howell provided an update on the study of community mental health and addiction treatment use in individuals following release from incarceration.

VIII. OTHER UPDATES

Justice David Borden Fellowship

National Association of Sentencing Commissions Conference, Aug 7-9

Upcoming meetings of the full Commission: September 28th and November 21st.

Meeting concluded at 3:29 p.m.