

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Mental Health Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Gerald Harmon (Subcommittee Co-chair), Jennifer Zito (Subcommittee Co-chair), Robin Pavia (Commission Chair), Gary Roberge, Jan Walker, Tom Canny, Kevin Lawlor, William O'Connor, Jennifer Zaccagnini, Michael Norko, Subira Gordon

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Patricia O'Rourke, Louise Nadeau, Colin Rosadino

Also in Attendance: Benjamin Howell, Vaughn Crichlow, Andrew Clark, Marc Pelka, Chris Burke, Viviana Alvarez-Toro

I. MEETING CONVENED

Atty. Zito convened the meeting at 1:05 PM, acknowledged the contributions of outgoing Co-chair Judge Oliver, and introduced Judge Harmon as the new Co-chair and Colin Rosadino as a Sentencing Commission summer intern.

II. APRIL 4, 2023, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

III. 2023 PROJECT UPDATE: EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION TREATMENT USE IN INDIVIDUALS FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION OR ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Dr. Benjamin Howell, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine, representing a team of researchers, provided an update on the project.

IV. Decriminalizing Mental Illness Workshop – the Miami Model, May 7-9

Judge Harmon provided an overview of the delegation's trip to the Miami workshop, including participant list and daily workshop agenda.

Chris Burke summarized the key takeaways from the workshop as well as related initiatives in Connecticut.

VI. NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting of the subcommittee TBD
- Next full Commission meeting, September 28th, 2:00-3:30
- November 2023 Sentencing Commission Symposium

VII. ADJOURNED

Atty Zito adjourned the meeting at 2:02 P.M.