

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Mental Health Subcommittee

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Gerald Harmon (Subcommittee Co-chair), Jennifer Zito (Subcommittee Co-chair), John Santa, Gary Roberge, Janet Walker, Kevin Lawlor, William O'Connor, Reena Kapoor, Subira Gordon, Angel Quiros, Robin Pavia

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Patricia O'Rourke, Andrew Clark, Colin Rosadino

Also in Attendance: Sen. Catherine Osten, Vaughn Crichlow, Marc Pelka, Chris Burke. Maurice Reaves

I. Meeting Convened – Atty. Jennifer Zito convened the meeting at 1:05 PM

II. July 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes Approved

III. Connecticut's Competency to Stand Trial Process - Guest speaker, Dr. Reena Kapoor, Director of Forensic Services at Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)

Dr. Reena Kapoor provided an overview of the national landscape and Connecticut context and process for competency.

IV. Yale SEICHE Center Study Update - Evaluation of community mental health and addiction treatment use in individuals following release from incarceration or on community supervision, Connecticut, 2018-2022

Patricia O'Rourke provided an update from Ben Howell and the Yale SEICHE Center team on the current status of the study.

V. Planning for November 16, 2023 Sentencing Commission Symposium

Alex Tsarkov provided an update and invited input from Commission members.

VI. Upcoming Meetings – the next full Commission meeting to be held in person on September 28, 2023 was announced, along with the next virtual Mental Health Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd

VII. Adjourned – Atty. Jennifer Zito adjourned the meeting at 2:20 P.M.