

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## Mental Health Subcommittee

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 1:00-2:30pm

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Gerald Harmon (Subcommittee Co-chair), Gary Roberge, Kevin Lawlor, William O'Connor, Reena Kapoor, Robin Pavia, John Santa, Janet Walker, Thomas Canny, Daniel Karpowitz, Hsiu-Ju Lin

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

**Guest Speakers:** Marisol Orihuela, Alexandra Melishkevich, and Ruth Tomlin

**Also in Attendance:** Thomas Burr, Vaughn Crichlow, Chris Burke, Ben Howell, Hsiu-Ju Lin

- **Meeting convened** – Judge Harmon convened the meeting at 1:04 PM
- **January 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes Approved**
- **Intellectual Disability in the Criminal Justice System: Initial Research Findings.** Guest speakers Professor Marisol Orihuela, Alexandra Melishkevich, and Ruth Tomlin.
  - Introduction to the work of the clinic and update on collaboration with students and staff to support the Commission's evolving work on the experience of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the criminal justice system.
- **2024 Legislative Proposals**
  - **An Act Concerning Competency to Stand Trial**
  - **An Act Concerning Pretrial Supervised Diversionary Program**

Alex Tsarkov provided mid-session updates on the status of the proposals. Thomas Burr (NAMI) also shared an update on the status of proposals of interest to NAMI CT.

- **Other Business**
  - **Yale SEICHE Center Study Update**

Dr. Benjamin Howell provided an update on the study to evaluate community mental health and addiction treatment use in individuals following release from incarceration or on community supervision, Connecticut, 2018-2022

- **Meeting Adjourned 1:53pm**