

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Mental Health Subcommittee

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 1:00-2:30pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Gerald Harmon (Subcommittee Co-chair), Jennifer Zito (Subcommittee Co-chair), Robin Pavia, Gary Roberge, Kevin Lawlor, Robin Pavia, John Santa, Thomas Canny, Angel Quiros, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Maurice Reaves

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Patricia O'Rourke, Matthew Hono, Chenoa Greenlee

Also in Attendance: Sen. Catherine Osten, Michael Whilby, Kathy Flaherty, Deborah Dorfman, Kathryn Thomas, Ben Howell, Lt. Fumiatti, Avital Freid, Sophie Park.

- Meeting convened – Atty Zito convened the meeting at 1:05 PM
- September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes Approved
- **Mental Health Diversion/Deflection**, Lt. Michael Fumiatti, of the New Haven Police Department and co-director of CABLE, the provider of Connecticut's crisis intervention team training, shared his experience related to deflection and crisis intervention.
- **Theories Behind Diversion for People with Intellectual Disabilities**, Marisol Orihuela, Clinical Professor of Law; Cassie Hazelip, Mental Health Justice Clinic Fellow, Avital Fried, Yale Mental Health Justice Clinic Law Student Intern
 - Guest speaker Avital Fried gave a presentation on several theories illustrating the importance of diversion for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Other Updates**
 - **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder**; Deborah Dorfman, Executive Director, Disability Rights Connecticut provided an update on the status of this study.
 - **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**; Dr. Kathryn Thomas, Associate Research Scientist, Yale School of Medicine provided an update on this study.
 - **Enhanced Forensic Respite Bed (EFRB) Program** – Dr. Reena Kapoor, MD, Director of Forensic Services, DMHAS, provided a brief update on the recent expansion of the EFRB program.
- **Ongoing 2024 Reports** Commission staff and partners are working on reports to be presented to the Commission this year:

- Competency to Stand Trial in Connecticut
 - Mental Health Diversionary Programs
- **Meeting Adjourned 2:30 pm**