Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016 Meeting
2:00 – 3:30
Community Court Conference Room, 80 Washington St., Hartford, CT

Commission members present: Justice Lubbie Harper, Jr. (Chairperson), David Rosado (DESPP), Kimberly Weir (DOC), Hakima Bey-Coon (OVA), Glenn Cassis (AAAC), Preston Tisdale (Governor appointee), Ernest Green (OCPD), Patrick Ridenhour (CPCA), Ann-Marie DeGraffenreidt (DCF), Brian Austin (OCSA/DCJ).

Others present: Esther Harris (Judicial), Aileen Keays Yeager (Contractor).

I. Welcome
   a. Meeting called to order at approximately 2:05pm

II. Review and approve minutes from January 11th meeting
   a. Motion to approve made by Glenn Cassis, seconded by Preston Tisdale, approved by unanimous voice vote

III. Discuss Racial Profiling Prohibition Project 2015 Report
   a. The Commission did not, at this time, have recommendations for how it may support or respond to the work of the RP3.

IV. Updates on other commissions, committees and task forces
   a. Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Committee – Judicial
      a. No update
   b. Racial Profiling Prohibition Project – IMRP
      a. The RP3 is working on its 2nd report, expected to be released mid-April. The report will include an analysis of the second 12-months of traffic stop data collected. In addition, the report will include follow-up analysis on the police departments that were previously identified in the year-one report. The follow-up analysis will contain a comprehensive look at traffic stop patterns and officer-level data.
   c. CT Sentencing Commission – IMRP
      a. Evaluation of Pretrial Release and Detention – The Commission is working with the National Institute of Corrections on a comprehensive evaluation of CT’s pretrial release and detention practices.
      b. Evaluation of Diversionary Programs – The Commission is in the early planning phases of an evaluation on CT’s extensive pretrial diversionary programs.
c. Certificates of Employability (COE) – The Commission has completed the 1st report on its evaluation of the COE program instituted by PA 14-27 and will submit the report for adoption at the next Commission meeting.
d. The Commission has decided to work with a research team at the University of Maryland to conduct a study regarding the use of risk and needs assessment during sentencing.
e. Sex Offenders Registration, Sentencing, and Management study– This evaluation is underway.
f. Criminal History Record Erasure – The Commission’s criminal history record erasure report is near complete and should be published in the next few weeks.
g. The Commission has two bills under consideration by the Judiciary Committee this session:
   i. Raised H.B. No. 5631 AAC Victim Notification at Sentencing
   ii. An Act Concerning CT’s weapon in a motor vehicle statute

V. Updates on implicit bias campaign
   a. Jury instruction
      i. Commission review letter it received from Sr. Asst. State’s Attorney for Community Court, Tom O’Brien
   b. Judges Institute
      i. Agenda for 2016 Judges’ Institute had already been finalized. Judicial is interested in either including implicit bases as a topic during the 2017 Institute or as a special session topic later this year.
   c. Pilot project
      i. Commission was able to connect with Attorney Rachel Godsil. She is still interested in performing a pilot study in Connecticut on the potential impact of implicit biases in judicial decision-making.

VI. Annual/Biennial reports
   a. The report continues to be worked on.

VII. Other business
    a. None

VIII. Meeting adjournment
    a. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45pm