

MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Community Court Conference Room, 80 Washington Street, Hartford, CT

Commissioners present: Justice Lubbie Harper, Jr. (Chairperson), Preston Tisdale (Governor appointee), Regina Rush-Kittle (DESPP), Patrick Ridenhour (CPCA), Glenn Cassis (AAAC), Brian Austin (DCJ/OCSA), Hakima Bey-Coon (OVA), Kimberly Weir (DOC), Ronnell Higgins (Majority Leader of the Senate appointee), Tracey Gove (Minority Leader of the House of Reps. appointee), Ann-Marie DeGraffenreidt (DCF).

Others present: Esther Harris (Judicial), Subira Gordon (AAAC), Troy Brown (CSSD), Joy Chance (BOPP), Andrew Clark (Consultant – IMRP), Madonna Burns (IMRP).

I. WELCOME

- a. The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2015

- a. The minutes were motioned, approved and accepted by voice votes, with one correction moved by Regina Rush-Kittle to the number of ticket-stops (172,373) made by her department.

III. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- a. *Update on REDCJS proposed statutory change bill*
 - i. [SB 1114](#) seeks to narrow the focus of the commission's activities while increasing its inclusivity. The proposed language would add a member from the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission to this Commission. The Commission is confident that the proposed bill will pass.

IV. UPDATES ON OTHER COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

- a. [Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Committee](#) (CJPAC)
 - i. Presentation by Dr. Kathleen Maurer (Director of Health Services, DOC) on *Opioid Addiction and Corrections* was very persuasive and well laid-out, providing a lot of statistics.

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Members were invited to visit the CJPAC [website](#) for more information.

- b. [Racial Profiling Prohibition Project](#) (RP3)
 - i. The traffic stop analysis report was released during a joint meeting of the Judiciary and Public Safety & Security Committees. Report classified a significant number of police departments as tier 1 and 2, which indicates the departments with greater numbers of disparities relative to descriptive benchmarks. RP3 is now meeting with police departments to review in-depth town-specific data with them.
 - ii. RP3 continues its partnership with CERC on enhancing the analysis for all departments identified with racial and ethnic disparities.
 - iii. Fair and Impartial Police Training is being conducted throughout the state for police supervisors and patrol officers. The project is also working with the Police Academy to integrate the concepts of Fair and Impartial Policing into the recruit curriculum.
 - iv. Community forums have been held throughout the state to discuss the report findings and next steps for the community and law enforcement. Community forums will continue to be held throughout the state over the coming months.
 - c. [CT Sentencing Commission](#) (CSC)
 - i. Proposed legislation
 - 1. CT's "Juvenile Bill", [SB 796](#), was summarized with national and statewide historical context provided. It recently passed the Senate and was sent to the House.
 - 2. Another bill, SB 1087, would charge the CSC with reviewing sex offender statutes and registry.
 - ii. Administrative
 - 1. The Commission is in search for an executive director and hopes to fill the position by the end of this fiscal year.
 - d. *JJPOCC's Goals Subcommittee*
 - i. No update
- V. IMPLICIT BIAS CAMPAIGN**
- a. *Purpose:* to increase education on the existence of implicit biases across the state and how they can impact behavior.

 - b. *Processes:*

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- i. One large one-day kick-off event on implicit biases, inclusive of all commissions and committees. Its discussion would extend beyond implicit bias with keynote speakers from agencies around the country.
- ii. A training series for key individuals from law enforcement agencies across the state.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. During a recent event discussing racial disparity/profiling, Hartford Police Chief discussed changes in the city since he became Chief. He also acknowledged that implicit biases do exist and asked that we call on him if/when his assistance may be helpful.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:55 P.M.

