

**Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)**

**March 27, 2018**

Community Court Conference Room, 80 Washington St., Hartford, CT

**I. Welcome**

- a. Justice Harper convened the meeting at 2:08 PM.
- b. Commissioners Present: Justice Lubbie Harper, Jr. (Chair); Claud Chong, David McGuire, Maureen Price-Boreland, William Rivera, Patrick Ridenhour, Carleton Giles, Sharon Cheeks (for Ronnell Higgins); Hakima Bey-Coon, Preston Tisdale.
- c. Staff & Guests Present: Alex Tsarkov (Connecticut Sentencing Commission), Ben Daigle (Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy).

**II. Review and approve minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting**

- a. Preston moved acceptance of the minutes, and Hakima seconded the motion. Justice Harper called for a voice vote and the motion passed without objection.

**III. Updates on other commissions, committees, and task forces**

- a. *Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee*
  - a. Commissioners had no significant updates at this time.
- b. *Racial Profiling Prohibition Project* – Ben Daigle, IMRP
  - a. Ben: Per CTRP3 Project Manager Ken Barrone (Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy), there are no major updates at this time. The Advisory Board and data workgroup are planning next steps. Ken would be willing to present to the Commission once the 2017 report is published later this year.
  - b. David: The next Advisory Board meeting will be 4/5 at LOB.
- c. *Connecticut Sentencing Commission* – Alex Tsarkov, Executive Director
  - a. Alex gave a summary of the CSC's genesis, composition, and current legislative proposals (i.e., bill numbers 5578 and 5544). Commissioners discussed various aspects of the proposals and Alex addressed commissioners' questions. The next step is for the Judiciary Committee to act on the bill; the deadline for such action is 4/4. Justice Harper requested that Alex relay the Commission's feedback urging the CSC to avoid perpetuating disparate impact.
  - b. David noted that SB 256 (reported out of the Government Administration and Elections Committee on consent) would require racial impact statements on proposed legislation. He has been working on that proposal with Subira Gordon (Commission on Equity and Opportunity).

**IV. Implicit bias campaign**

- a. No updates at this meeting.

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## Connecticut Judicial Branch

- V. MacArthur 2016 Safety and Justice Challenge award**
- a. No updates at this meeting.
- VI. Recap of January 24<sup>th</sup> Marshall film screening and panel**
- a. Preston gave an overview of the event, which was well-attended and appreciated by criminal justice leaders, community leaders, college and university professors and students, and others from the New Haven area and across the state. Commissioners expressed appreciation for Justice Harper's leadership on the event, Preston's coordination, and other aspects of the event.
- VII. Membership**
- a. Justice Harper noted that the Commission has several vacancies, and that the Commission would be sending letters to request appointments from the respective authorities of their opportunity.
- VIII. Other business**
- a. Ben: IMRP 'Building Bridges: Reframed' conference held at CCSU on 3/1/18.
  - b. Ben: Bill number 5414 would require that juror demographic data be required and retained, as that data is necessary to support state and federal constitutional challenges to juror arrays. The Office of Chief Public Defender and the Jury Administrator have proposed to the Judiciary Committee a negotiated agreement to study the issue via a taskforce.
    - i. Preston summarized the history of the issue, and how difficult it has been to track how the representativeness of jury pools has decreased over the years.
- IX. Upcoming Meetings & Events**
- a. May 14, 2018 – Regular meeting
  - b. July 9, 2018 – Regular meeting
  - c. September 10, 2018 – Regular meeting
  - d. November TBA (Reschedule because Veterans Day is observed on 11/12/18.)
- X. Adjournment**
- a. Without objection, Justice Harper adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.