

# Commission on Racial & Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System

Connecticut Judicial Branch

## Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2020

2:00 – 3:30

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

*Commission members in attendance: Justice Lubbie Harper, Jr. (Chair), Avery Gaddis (Minority Leader of the Senate), Brian Austin (DCJ/OCSA), Carleton Giles (BOPP), Cheryl Sharp (CEO), Chief Patrick Ridenhour (CT Police Chiefs Association), David McGuire (Majority Leader of the Senate), Preston Tisdale (Governor), Scott Jones (President Pro Tempore of the Senate), Sharon Cheeks (Governor), Claud Chong (OCPD), Werner Oyanadel (CEO), Hakima Bey-Coon (OVA), Alex Tsarkov (House Majority Leader)*

*Other guests: Troy Brown (Judicial-CSSD), Jodi Hill-Lilly (DCF), Monica Rams (DCF), Aileen Keays (contractor – IMRP), Andrew Clark (contractor – IMRP), Ken Barone (special guest – IMRP), Daryl McGraw (special guest – Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force)*

- I. Welcome**
  - a. Meeting commenced at approximately 2:07pm
- II. Welcome new member, Alex Tsarkov**
- III. Review and approve minutes from January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting**
  - a. Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as written was made by Claud Chong, Brian Austin seconded. Minutes were approved via unanimous voice-vote.
- IV. Updates on other commissions, committees and task forces**
  - a. *Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee (JJPOC) – Judicial/CSSD*
    - a. JJPOC RED Workgroup Update – Judicial/CSSD
  - b. [Racial Profiling Prohibition Project](#) (CTRP3) – IMRP
    - a. Please see presentation
  - c. [CT Sentencing Commission](#) (CSC) – IMRP
    - a. CSC proposed 3 bills: 1) sex offender registry modifications to make it risk-based & to create a removal mechanism, 2) reducing misdemeanor sentences by 1-day to prevent harsh immigration consequences, and 3) would make minor changes to sentence modification and review statutes. Don't know if any bills will be taken up in a special session. If not, then will re-try next legislative session.
    - b. Continuing to work on bail reform. Received request from Sen. Looney to develop proposal to remove money bail, working on that.
    - c. Disparity study – report due Jan 1, 2021.

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### V. **Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force, Daryl McGraw at IMRP**

- a. Task force was created through Public Act 19-90 Sec. 6. The Task Force is to study: 1) Police officer interactions with individuals with a mental, intellectual or physical disability; (2) the feasibility of police officers who conduct traffic stops issuing a receipt to each individual being stopped that includes the reason for the stop & records the demographic information of the person being stopped; and (3) any other police officer and transparency and accountability issue the task force deems appropriate.
- b. Daryl feels, as an individual with prior criminal justice system involvement, he will be able to provide valuable perspective and knowledge.
- c. Looking at training that officers go through in terms of discharging weapons, interacting with individuals of color, etc.
- d. Meetings have been on-hold during this stay-at-home order but the task force is considering hosting meetings via WebEx or Zoom to sustain productivity.
- e. Suggests having someone of color with personal CJ system involvement as a member of this commission.

### VI. **Presentation on 2018 traffic stop findings, Ken Barone, CTRP3 at IMRP**

- a. Please see included PowerPoint presentation

### VII. **Other business**

- a. None

### VIII. **Meeting adjournment**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:04pm

### 2020 Meeting Schedule

January 13<sup>th</sup>

March 9<sup>th</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup>

July 13<sup>th</sup>

September 14<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>