

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.

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- 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