

COMMISSION ON RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

MINUTES

September 10, 2012 Meeting

2:00 – 3:30

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

Persons Present: Justice Lubbie Harper, Jr. (Chair), Deb Fuller (Judicial), Gary Roberge (Judicial – CSSD), Kimberly Weir (DOC), Hakima Bey-Coon (OVA), Ann-Marie DeGraffenreidt (DCF), Tracey Gove (House of Reps Appointee), Esther Harris (Judicial – Jury Administration), Preston Tisdale (Governor Appointee), Maureen Price-Boreland (Speaker of the House), Werner Oyanadel (LPRAC), Glenn A. Cassis (AAAC), Brian Austin (DCJ – OCSA), Andrew Clark (Consultant – IMRP), Aileen Keays (Consultant – IMRP).

- I. Welcome
 - a. Meeting commenced at approximately 2:10 pm
- II. Review and Approve Minutes from July 9th and May 14th meetings
 - a. Minutes for both dates were reviewed and approved
- III. Working Group and Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Education, Training and Cultural Competence Working Group – Tracey Gove
 - i. No new actions to report.
 - ii. Due to Chief Gove's promotion to Police Chief and the resulting added time constraints, he needs to resign as the chair of the group. However, he would like to remain an active member.
 - iii. Lost Jeanne Millstein as a member and some others, so the group needs to reorganize.
 - b. Media Working Group – Maureen Price-Borland
 - i. Police chiefs survey on the release of mug shots to the media went-out; will do analysis and report back to the Commission the results.
 - c. Pre-Arrest, Prevention, Diversionary and Community-based Programs Working Group – Anne-Marie DeGraffenreidt
 - i. Met with United Way/211 to discuss their method for soliciting information from providers on services in the community. When United Way staff informed the group that they had all of the information that this working group was looking to acquire in an electronic database, working group members hoped that they would be able to receive the information. However, Unite Way was only willing to share it for a fee to cover staff time to generate the appropriate report. The working group will reconvene to determine if the information is accessible for no cost.

- IV. Updates on other Commissions, Committees and Task Forces
 - a. [Access to Justice Commission](#) – Aileen Keays
 - i. Ms. Keays provided a brief update on the activities of the A2J Commission. The Commission’s final report including recommendations will be voted on during the next A2J meeting on Sept. 24th. Ms. Keays offered to share the draft report with any interested members of the REDCJS.
 - b. [Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission](#) – Deb Fuller
 - i. Ms. Fuller provided a brief update on CJPAC. There had been discussion on whether this Commission should report to CJPAC or become a sub-group of it.
 - c. [Racial Profiling Prohibition Project](#) – Andrew Clark
 - i. Mr. Clark provided an update on the work of the Project and its subgroups. Questions were raised on the general policy of the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project and how complaints from the general public on potential instances of profiling would be received.
 - d. [Connecticut Sentencing Commission](#) – Andrew Clark and Deb Fuller
 - i. Mr. Clark and Ms. Fuller provided information on the work of the Sentencing Commission. The Commission is planning a public hearing to solicit testimony on a few potential legislative proposals, including its proposal to provide juveniles sentenced as adults to lengthy terms of imprisonment the opportunity for a meaningful second look at their sentence. Other Commission activities were highlighted as well.
- V. Discussion of Legislative Initiatives of Member Agencies/Organizations
 - a. Members provided information on their respective organizations’ legislative interests for the next session.
- VI. Discussion of Commission’s Areas of Focus
 - a. Mr. Oyanadel interested in the drug-free working groups of the CT Sentencing Commission
- VII. Event with Marc Mauer
 - a. Ms. Keays provided an update on the draft agenda for the event. The potential use of the film “Traces of the Trade” was discussed. Ms. Keays announced that the event planning committee would be reviewing the film after the full Commission meeting if anyone would like to attend.
- VIII. Other Business
 - a. None expressed
- IX. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting concluded at approximately 3:40 pm