

Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018

2:00 – 3:30

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

- I. Welcome**
 - a. Meeting called to order at approximately 2:12pm
- II. Review and approve minutes from September 10th meeting**
 - a. Moved for adoption by Carlton Giles, seconded by Preston Tisdale, passed without objection.
- III. Updates on other commissions, committees and task forces**
 - a. *Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee* – Judicial
 - a. Ongoing legislatively created committee. JJPOC is monitoring the transition of JJ from DCF to Judicial. Judicial took on 174 kids on July 1st from DCF. Judicial is performing contracting process to select detention facilities for JJ to replace CJTS. JJPOC is also performing study on how education is provided to children in secure facilities – should it be a single school district for all kids in all secure settings. Currently, provided by local school districts. Also, still working on 3-year strategic plan.
 - b. [*Racial Profiling Prohibition Project*](#) – IMRP
 - a. In October, IMRP released a supplemental report for eight municipal police departments that were identified with racial disparities in RP3’s annual traffic stop study (originally released November, 2017). The departments that were further reviewed included Ansonia, Berlin, Darien, Madison, Monroe, Newtown, Norwich, and Ridgefield. The full report is available on RP3’s website (www.ctrp3.org) and explains in-depth RP3’s assessment of the factors that caused the racial disparities in the department traffic stop data.
 - b. RP3’s fourth annual traffic stop analysis (2017 calendar year data) will be completed by the end of the year.
 - c. A public forum will be held in Hartford on December 5th from 6-8 p.m.
 - d. Advisory Board created two subcommittees – Public Education & Community Outreach, and Policy. The public forum is a product of the Public Education & Community Outreach Subcommittee.
 - c. [*CT Sentencing Commission*](#) – IMRP
 - a. The CSC has drafted eight policy proposals for the 2019 session, and will hold a public hearing on the proposals; IMRP staff will provide notice of the hearing.
- IV. MacArthur 2016 Safety and Justice Challenge award**

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- a. The initial award to the CREDCJS was \$300,000 for implicit bias training development and implementation; due to the failure of contract negotiation between the State of CT and CUNY (CUNY objected to and would not sign the Terms and Conditions section of the contract language), the final funding amount is \$75,000. The IMRP hired Kitty Tyrol, who has three months to execute the project (which could be extended by six months, but without additional funding).

V. Biennial report

- a. IMRP will finalize draft to share before the January meeting. Commission will vote to approve the report during the January meeting.

VI. Special Guest: Hon. Erika Tindill, Superior Court Judge

- a. Judge Tindill encouraged the commission to continue to host events similar to the 2015 implicit bias symposium. Community conversations on racial & ethnic injustices are key. Family and civil cases need legal assistance. Judge Tindill also sees that many families, for a variety of reasons, need to have supervised visits, however the family is responsible for paying the cost of supervision. The cheapest she has seen is \$50/hour. In an example, Judge Tindill ordered supervised visits yet since the mother cannot pay the order, granting visits for the mother is meaningless.
- b. In an example of the influence of cultural competence impacting family cases, one mother hadn't seen her daughter in a while and when Judge Tindill asked her why she hadn't filed with the court to require visits, the mother indicated that she had, however, when she filed the paperwork the clerk's office just used the last name in her hyphenated last name so the clerks couldn't later find her file when she followed up. Could survey customers of the court regarding their experiences, particularly with regard to the quality of translation services.
- c. Meet early with new leaders (governor-elect, commissioner of correction, DCF, DESPP, etc.) to learn their opinions and visions and then hold them accountable to it.
 - i. ACLU-CT received confirmation from Gov.-elect Lamont's team of some actions he will take within first 100-days. David McGuire will share that document with the Commission.
 - ii. Commission could invite new appointee's to meet with the Commission.

VII. Upcoming meetings/events

- a. 12/5/18, CTRP3 Public Forum "An Open, Honest Discussion About Racial Profiling In Your Community" (6-8 PM, Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Ave., Hartford)
- b. 1/14/19, Regular meeting
- c. 3/11/19, Regular meeting
- d. 5/13/19, Regular meeting
- e. 7/8/19, Regular meeting

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- f. 9/9/19, Regular meeting
- g. 11/18/19, Regular meeting

VIII. Other business

- a. Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) reached out to the Commission to ask if any members would be interested in co-facilitating CCEH's "Racial Inequities in Housing" training. Preston knows someone who he feels would be a valuable trainer; he will send their contact information to Aileen to share with CCEH.
- b. Post-election continuity of membership (letters to new appointing authorities)
 - i. IMRP will determine the number of vacancies and request commission members to consider people that they feel would provide valuable contribution as a newly-appointed member.

IX. Meeting adjournment

- a. Meeting concluded at approximately 3:07pm

