

Criminal Justice Council Summary Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2015
DE State Police Troop 2 - 100 Lagrange Road - Newark (Route 40)

Members Present

James Liguori, Esq, Chair
 Hon. James Collins
 Col. Robert Coupe
 Hon. Alan Davis
 Nancy Dietz
 Pastor Donald Dunnigan
 Carlyse Giddins
 Hon. John McMahon
 Col. Nathaniel McQueen
 Hon. Brendan O'Neill
 Hon. Alex Smalls
 Inspector Elmer Harris, proxy for Chief Bobby Cummings
 Kathy Jennings, Esq., proxy for Hon. Matthew Denn
 Linda Carmichael, Esq., proxy for Hon. Jan Jurden
 Jay Lynch, proxy for Hon. Rita Landgraf
 John Sadowski, proxy for Hon. Mark Murphy
 RL Hughes, proxy for Hon. Lewis Schiliro
 Lt. Col. Matt Jamison, proxy for Col. Elmer Setting
 Hon. James Vaughn, proxy for Hon. Leo Strine, Jr.

Members Absent

Hon. Chandlee, Kuhn, Vice Chair
 Michael Arrington, Esq.
 David Henderson
 Christopher Klein
 Hon. Charles Oberly
 Hon. Jennifer Ranji
 Chief William Bryson

Minutes from the April 20, 2015 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Legislative Committee Report

Ron Keen reported that Council reviewed the following bills and deferred taking any action until an update from the Legislative Committee would be given at the May Council meeting. The Legislative Committee did not report any further information on the following: (House Bills 36, 37, 39 (HA1); 62; and Senate Bill 12 (SA1); and, Council's position remained the same. Judge Davis, along with Ron Keen, reported the following update and below are recommendations:

Bill	Legislative Committee Recommendation	Council Recommendation
HB 80	No Position	No Position
HB 89	No Action	Support
HB 99	Support - concerned with cost of adding lights to vehicles	Support
HB 102	1 Oppose; 1 No Position	Support
HB 130	Support – 1 No Position	Support
SB 51	Possibility of amendment to Bill; 1 No Position	Defer
SB 83	Defer until June	Defer until June

Statistical Analysis Center Report

Tom McLeish, Director, and Philisa Weidlein-Crist, Research Specialist, presented information on two reports: (1) Department of Correction Population Breakout – First Quarter 2015. It was stated that the report gives a general overview of the DOC institution population on March 31, 2015, and a demographic make-up of the DOC institution population. The institutions listed in the report were separated into three types, Prison, Community Corrections and Other, which includes the DE Psychiatric Center and Compact Cases;

(2) Superior Court Detention Case Status of Long Term Detainees – First Quarter 2015. The report provides an overview of Superior Court detention population cases for defendants detained longer than 120 days in a Level V Delaware DOC secure facility or the DE Psychiatric Center.

Executive Director's Report

Chris Kervick, Executive Director, reported the following:

SS 1 for SB 13 passed the House and is awaiting the Governor's signature; Chris reported that, if signed, the Bill will result in the State of DE being out of compliance with the federal SORNA law and this will result in a 10 percent penalty, it will also result in ineligibility to apply for Adam Walsh and other grants;

On May 15th, Governor Markell's office signed the PREA Assurance form, confirming that Delaware is working toward full PREA compliance;

CJC e-grants system continues to grow; additional federal awards are being loaded into the system; and the office is continuing to develop both internal and external training opportunities;

CJC has been asked to assist with logistics for two new commissions: Wilmington Public Safety Strategies Commission and the Department of Justice Human Trafficking Commission;

Staff is in the process of submitting formula block grants and are also writing 14 other discretionary grants to submit for funding;

Within the next couple of weeks, staff will be in contact with Council to discuss topics/dates for CJC's public hearings and the CJC Planning Day;

Most of the federal funding news from the House Committee on Justice, Science and Commerce, reported to CJC, was favorable, funding is to remain at its current level – however, Juvenile Justice funds were completely zeroed out and hopefully, the Senate will restore some of the funding during conference;

Chris then thanked the Council for selecting him as executive director of CJC and the opportunity to work with some of the most talented and dedicated people in the State.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui Thornton