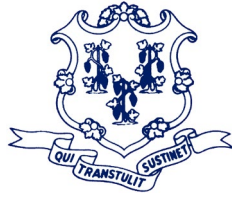


The Connecticut General Assembly



Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

12:30PM in Room 1E of the LOB and Zoom and YouTube Live

ATTENDANCE: Meghan Scanlon, Attorney Gail Hardy, Karen Foley O'Connor, Joe DiTunno, Marc Pelka, Ginger Wilk, Andrea O'Connor, Attorney Phyllis DiCara, Merit Lajoie, Chief Alaric Fox, Attorney Nancy Tyler, Captain Ryan Maynard

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairwoman Scanlon called the meeting to order at 12:35PM.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- a. Chairwoman Scanlon offered welcoming remarks and Council members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26th MEETING MINUTES

- a. Attorney Hardy was unable to stay for the February meeting due to the delayed start so she requested that her name be removed from the list of those in attendance.
- b. A motion was made to approve the February 26, 2025 meeting minutes with an amendment to remove Atty. Hardy from the attendance list by Chief Fox and seconded by Atty. DiCara. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION BY TAMI P. SULLIVAN, PH.D., YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

- a. Dr. Sullivan presented her findings related to women experiencing threats of gun violence who are in abusive relationships with their intimate partner and recommended safety strategies. The presentation is available on the Council's page of the Judiciary Committee webpage under the May 28, 2025 meeting or by [clicking here](#).
- b. Council members are welcome to send any questions to Dr. Sullivan.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & DISCUSSION OF YEAR TWO FOCUS AREAS

a. LAW ENFORCEMENT MODEL POLICY

- i. Chief Fox reviewed proposed changes agreed to by the subcommittee at its April meeting:
 1. Page 7-8: Remove language that states that participation in the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) is voluntary and add language that makes LAP a mandatory best practice at the scene of an intimate partner violence call.
 2. Page 22: Clarified and enhanced process for law enforcement to follow when seeking firearms from individuals no longer legally able to possess them.
- ii. The subcommittee has also developed some language for the model policy related to processing of arrest warrants that they have shared with the Arrest Warrants subcommittee for its review and approval.
- iii. A motion was made by Chairwoman Scanlon and seconded by Mr. DiTunno to approve the two changes to the model policy. The motion passed unanimously.

b. ARREST WARRANTS & ORDERS OF PROTECTION: COMPLIANCE, ENFORCEMENT & OUTCOMES

- i. The subcommittee has been focused on the recommendation to develop more secure procedures for ensuring firearm seizure and compliance. State Police Special Licensing & Firearms Unit presented to the subcommittee on existing processes and the subcommittee has also had an additional presentation by Darren Mitchell with the National Council on Juvenile & Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) on best practices utilized in other states. The subcommittee is currently working with the Judicial Branch, prosecutors, and Mr. Mitchell to identify dates in the near future to have Mr. Mitchell come to CT to observe existing procedures and work with the subcommittee on recommended best practices to implement across Connecticut courts, prosecutors' offices, and law enforcement agencies.

c. OFFENDER INTERVENTION STANDARDS

- i. Ms. Lajoie reported that the subcommittee has agreed to review the Judicial Branch Family Violence Education Program (FVEP) as one of the state's strategies for addressing domestic violence offenders facing criminal charges. The subcommittee has requested program data and information from Judicial.
- ii. The subcommittee will also reach out to the Department of Correction (DOC) to learn more about what IPV classes are offered to inmates.
- iii. The Council's 2024 recommendations included creation of a form for use by prosecutors to attest to offenders having successfully completed counseling or some other programming that meets the major tenets of the

state's domestic violence offender standards. Atty. Hardy reported that the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) has met to create and review the form, which will be housed within DCJ policies and procedures. DCJ anticipates implementation this summer.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lajoie suggested that the Council co-chairs and all subcommittee co-chairs meet this summer to discuss progress of the Council so far and looking ahead to the next year. Mr. DiTunno also suggested filling the two Council vacancies.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- a. The next meeting of the full council will be held on July 30, 2025

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Foley O'Connor and seconded by Ms. Wilk. Chairwoman Scanlon adjourned the meeting at 1:37PM

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