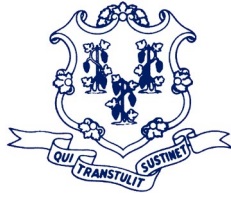


# The Connecticut General Assembly



## Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory Council

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

12:30PM in Room 2B 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, Capt. Heather LaRock, Rep. Tammy Nuccio, Attorney Johanna Canning, Capt. Ryan Maynard, Eulalia Garcia, Chief Robert Rosado, Honorable Kevin Doyle

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairwoman Scanlon called the meeting to order at 12:32PM.

#### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

#### III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 28th MEETING MINUTES

- a. A motion was made to approve May 28, 2025, meeting minutes by Ms. Lajoie and second by Rep. Nuccio. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. REVIEW BY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE OF UPDATED POLICIES

- i. Attorney Hardy described the process of dealing with DV arrest warrants and how the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) would address these concerns.
  - 1. DCJ Policy Section 520: Responsibilities of Prosecutors require demographic info on the offender, who submitted it, charges, reviewing prosecutor, date referred to the prosecutor, the name and date of entry into the system. If approved, the reviewing judge with date. Her office is always open to officers to discuss the process as well as the issue of unserved warrants at the local level. A timely service of warrants is needed, and this is spelled out in the new model policy and documented in the e-prosecutor database.

- ii. Attorney Hardy also presented DCJ's new "Family Violence Counseling and Treatment Compliance Form" for use by prosecutors to attest to a defendant's successful completion of a counseling or treatment program that complies with the CT Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards.

## V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. LAW ENFORCEMENT MODEL POLICY

- i. Chief Fox reviewed recent changes & proposals to the statewide model policy:
  - 1. The adoption of LAP into the statewide model policy - all departments were already currently complying. Law enforcement agencies appreciated the value of LAP prior to mandating its use.
  - 2. Updated section #10 of the statewide model policy – Weapons Surrender Compliance Protocol. Updating 15-20 year old MOU regarding compliance making it standard practice as part of the model policy.
  - 3. Updated policies regarding service of arrest warrants and sent it to the Arrest Warrants & Orders of Protection subcommittee for consideration.

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

- i. Atty. Hardy discussed the subcommittee still working to bring Darren Mitchell from the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges back to Connecticut to facilitate policy development regarding firearms compliance. They are working with the Judicial Branch to identify a pilot site.
- ii. Ms. Harrington discussed the subcommittee's vote in favor of changes to the statewide model policy regarding service of arrest warrants for the purposes of expediting the processing of arrest warrants – Page 9, Bullet #4 and bullet Page 12, under Arrest Warrant Considerations, Bullet #3 updated and Bullets #5-8 added. A motion was made to approve the changes to the model policy by Atty. Canning, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, and approved unanimously.

### i. OFFENDER INTERVENTION STANDARDS

- i. Ms. Lajoie stated that the subcommittee has not yet reconvened but are planning to review the Judicial Branch Family Violence Education Program once they receive some program statistics and they will also reach out to the Dept. of Correction regarding the programs they offer related to domestic violence. The subcommittee is also waiting to review the Public Auditor's report which touch on the offender intervention program standards.

VI. REVIEW OF PUBLIC AUDITOR'S REPORT ON DCJ'S PROSECUTOR-LED DIVERSION PRACTICES FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFENDERS

- a. Chairwoman Scanlon requested members look at the documents emailed to them (summary and full report), noting that only findings 3 and 4 pertain to this council.
- b. Atty. Hardy noted that DCJ is working to address the concerns outlined in the report by updating their agency policies and training for prosecutors to ensure they are in compliance with the applicable statutes. This includes implementation of DCJ's new "Family Violence Counseling and Treatment Compliance Form" referenced earlier.
- c. Atty. Canning inquired about the information regarding the treatment provider being entered into eProsecutor, including something like licensing. Atty. Hardy noted that a finding of the report does discuss the Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Advisory Council's lack of authority to approve programs and the need for the proper authority for it or a state agency to review and approve community programs, along with a specific approval process. The prosecutor has to assure that the counseling provided complies with offender program standards, which can be indicated by a letter from the treatment provider.
- d. Chairwoman Scanlon discussed findings 3 and 4 regarding the Council's lack of authority to approve and oversee treatment programs, and the Public Auditors' recommendations. The Council co-chairs did submit a response to the Public Auditors agreeing with their findings and noting that this legislatively-appointed council does not have resources or capacity to do the activities noted in the findings around oversight, site visits, etc.
- e. Members discussed the approval process, including the history of what was put into statute and why, and how the auditors' recommendations can be addressed. The recommendations are resource-dependent, so this will be lengthy process that is likely done in stages.

VII. DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL'S FIRST 18 MONTHS AND LOOKING AHEAD TO THE COMING YEAR

- a. Subcommittee structure and participation
  - i. Mr. DiTunno a significant amount of membership overlap in the Offender Standards and Arrest Warrants subcommittees and that these two subcommittees be merged into one subcommittee that addresses court-based issues. Members agreed.
  - ii. Chief Fox requested that the Law Enforcement subcommittee as it stand. Members agreed.
  - iii. The Council will inquire about participation in the two identified subcommittees in the new year.
- b. Process for recommendations involving legislation
  - i. Chairwoman Scanlon suggested that when a subcommittee has recommendations involving legislation that they get their legislative liaisons involved in the drafting of the recommendation so that everyone

is on the same page about the actual language that will be submitted to the General Assembly.

- c. Timing for completion of 2025 report due to the General Assembly 1/15/26
  - i. Next report is due January 15, 2026. Subcommittees need to bring their draft recommendations to the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for discussion with the full council. Subcommittee draft summaries– summary of meetings held during 2025, issues discussed, and any progress on last year's recommendations – and final recommendations need to be submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- a. The next meeting of the full council will be held on October 1, 2025

X. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Atty. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Pelka. Chairwoman Scanlon adjourned the meeting at 1:33PM.

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