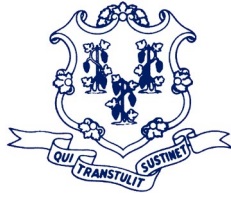


The Connecticut General Assembly



Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2025

12:30PM in Room 2B of the LOB and Zoom and YouTube Live

ATTENDANCE: Nancy Turner, Merit Lajoie, Joe DiTunno, Danielle Sanquedolce, Senator Mae Flexer, Senator John Kissel, Chief Alaric Fox, Attorney Johanna Canning, Rep. Jennifer Leeper, Meghan Scanlon, Attorney Gail Hardy, Ginger Wilk, Captain Heather Pardi, Marc Pelka, Attorney Nancy Tyler, Andrea O'Connor, Captain Ryan Maynard, Chief Rob Rosado, Eulalia Garcia, Honorable Kevin Doyle

Subcommittee members present: Shauna Harrington

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairwoman Flexer called the meeting to order at 12:38pm.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 30th MEETING MINUTES

- a. A motion was made to approve the July 30, 2025 meeting minutes by Ms. Lajoie and seconded by Chairwoman Scanlon. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Senator Flexer.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

a. LAW ENFORCEMENT MODEL POLICY

- i. Chief Fox reported that the subcommittee, having completed changes to the statewide model policy earlier this year, is currently discussing what topics it will consider in the coming year.

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

- i. Ms. Harrington discussed two potential recommendations – 1) reviewing statutory language to prepare a confidential address form in criminal court; and 2) follow-up regarding firearm seizure and compliance, including a planned workshop with Darren Mitchell from NCJFCJ during

the week of 11/17/25. Members of the subcommittee and other court staff are meeting in advance to review related procedures.

- ii. Ms. Harrington explained that the goal of the subcommittee's work with Darren Mitchell is to review the state's firearm seizure and compliance protocols, identify areas for enhancement, and secure a pilot site to test enhanced protocols. Staff from Judicial Branch court operations, the state's attorney's office, and public defender's office, along with domestic violence advocates are gathering in advance to review procedures and challenges. The idea is to identify a pilot site for enhanced procedures rather than trying to implement statewide all at once.

c. OFFENDER INTERVENTION STANDARDS

- i. Mr. DiTunno reported on two potential recommendations – 1) combine the offender standards and arrest warrants subcommittees as much of the work and membership overlap, and 2) Continue consideration of how to address concerns related to the supervised diversionary program either through a statutory change or training. He stated that the subcommittee had a presentation on the program from Adult Probation at its last meeting. The subcommittee needs to develop language that is acceptable to all members that makes family violence intervention an option for the court (e.g., judge, prosecutor, and defense counsel) to consider. Mr. DiTunno will follow up with the subcommittee with supervised diversionary program data requested at the last meeting.
- ii. Mr. DiTunno reported that the subcommittee is beginning to contemplate the Public Auditor's report and whether or not a state agency should be overseeing the work of the subcommittee as it relates to program standards and approving providers. Senators Kissel and Flexer inquired about this in more detail. The subcommittee is looking at which state agencies might have the ability to provide oversight of this work, but the full Council will need to consider the best potential location and the resources necessary to do the work.
- iii. The subcommittee is considering review of the Family Violence Education Program (FVEP) during the coming year and are currently gathering program stats from Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (CSSD). They also plan to meet with staff from the Dept. of Correction (DOC) on its domestic violence intervention programs, but would first want to make decisions about oversight of offender intervention programs in accordance with the auditor's report. Chairwoman Flexer requested that the FVEP data be shared with the full Council when ready, and that staff from DOC participate on the subcommittee during the review of its programming.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Reminder on the annual report timeline. Language for draft recommendations should be ready by mid-November so that they can be included in a draft report for consideration at the December 17th meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- a. DECEMBER 17, 2025

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Senator Kissel and seconded by Ms. Lajoie. Chairwoman Flexer adjourned the meeting at 1:06pm.

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