# The Connecticut General Assembly



Domestic Violence Criminal Justice
Response and Enhancement Advisory Council
Joint Meeting of the
Arrest Warrants and Orders of Protection Subcommittee

### AGENDA

October 15, 2025

11:00AM via Zoom and Room 2B

ATTENDANCE: Shauna Harrington, Joe DiTunno, Johanna Canning, Liza Andrews, Andrea O'Connor, Capt. Ryan Maynard, Meghan Scanlon, Nancy Tyler, Phyllis DiCara, Rep. Nuccio, Gail Hardy,
Michael Tetrault, Andréa Deyo, Merit Lajoie, Marc Pelka

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Shauna Harrington called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shauna made welcoming remarks and the members introduced themselves.

# III. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17TH MEETING MINUTES

Joe DiTunno made a motion to approve the minutes. Johanna Canning seconded. Marc Pelka and Merit Lajoie abstained.

### IV. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LARGER COUNCIL

Shauna informed the group of the reason we have chosen not to move forward with the sealing of TRO affidavits, which is that the problem was submitted to Judicial's legal department and they informed our Judicial liaison, Joe DiTunno, that there is a high bar to meet due to how court is currently operating with sealing files and, since this issue was an exception, it may not be fruitful to move forward.

The group agreed.

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## a. CONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS FORM

Meghan Scanlon notified the group that the recommendation is to submit language regarding the confidential address form to be used in criminal court proceedings.

Merit suggested that a Standing Criminal Protective Order also be added to the draft language.

The group discussed how the recommendation is simply that there will be a statutory change, that the nuts and bolts of it would go to the legislative liaisons to work out, and that the group would work out the language before it is submitted to the liaisons.

Meghan moved to recommend a statutory change, seconded by Rep. Nuccio. Johanna Canning abstained because she had not gotten a chance to read the language yet.

## b. FIREARM SEIZURE & COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP

Shauna notified the group of the local meeting that occurred on 10/14 with Court Operations, Judicial, The Chief Public Defenders' Office, and The State's Attorney's Office.

During that meeting, the main challenges that were discussed were: constitutional issues of asking the defendant if they have complied with the firearm seizure provision, the statutorily confidential nature of the firearm registry as a barrier to why victims cannot know whether the defendant surrendered firearms and ammunition, and a time/resource issue for law enforcement.

Meghan identified that the whole point of having Mr. Mitchell conduct the workshop was to talk about what other states have done and their challenges.

Joe DiTunno suggested that identifying a pilot site at this time may not be feasible but may be something we can do after meeting with Mr. Mitchell and identifying potential solutions and recommendations.

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Meghan clarified whether the pilot site the recommendation was to identify a pilot site and, if so, we could add a fiscal note and determine as a group what it costs to run a pilot site. After that, it would be up to the General Assembly to appropriate funds.

The group agreed that, at this time, the recommendation would be to bring Mr. Mitchell here and conduct the workshop. After the November meeting with him, the group can tweak the recommendation based off his recommendations and come up with a fiscal note at that time.

The group identified community partners to have at the table for the workshop: DOC rep. from the larger council, CHC CEO, OEMS, ask our Board of Pardons & Parole rep. to identify a parole officer, Andrea and Shauna to identify survivors, Johanna to reach out to CCDLA private counsel, Gail to reach out to US Attorney's Office.

Johanna Canning approved the recommendation, seconded by Meghan Scanlon. The group unanimously approved the recommendations.

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

### VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 from 11-12:30 PM via Zoom or Room 2B.

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meghan Scanlon made a motion to adjourn. Gail Hardy seconded at 11:56 AM.