

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

#### **AGENDA**

September 17, 2025

11:00AM via Zoom and Room 2B

ATTENDANCE: Shauna Harrington, Joe DiTunno, Johanna Canning, Nancy Tunner, Liza Andrews, Andrea O'Connor, Honorable Kevin C. Doyle, Capt. Ryan Maynard, Meghan Scalon, Nancy Tyler, Phyllis DiCara, Rep. Nuccio, Gail Hardy, Michael Tetrault, Capt. Heather Pardi, Karen O'Connor

Robert Laplant – Office of Adult Probation

Johanna Greenfield- Deputy Director for Family and Support Matters

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Shauna Harrington called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shauna made welcoming remarks and the members introduced themselves.

# III. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES (Arrest Warrants & Orders of Protection)

Shauna made a title correction under "Other Business" of previous minutes to reflect current title of Deputy Director for Family and Support Matters. Meghan Scanlon motioned to approve the minutes with this correction. Phyllis DiCara seconded. The members unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING MINUTES (Offender Programs)

Meghan Scanlon motioned to approve the minutes. Johanna Canning seconded. The members unanimously voted to approve the minutes with the exception of Meghan Scanlon's abstention.



# V. PROBATION PRESENTATION ON SUPERVISED DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM

Robert Laplant of the Office of Adult Probation began an overview of adult probation and the supervised diversionary program. He also answered questions from various subcommittee members to reflect that the program began in 2008/9; eligibility determination; assessment by the treatment provider; how these recommendations can sometimes be altered by the court; probation supervises the case for 18mos-2years; if the person is unsuccessful, probation will ask that the case be redocketed to address the challenges; that people can apply for SDP and FVEP simultaneously, but it is rare; that victims receive notification at the second stage of the application process; particular charges that make someone ineligible or disturbing facts of the case; type of treatment plans.

Members asked about the particular number of people who have gone through the program and, of those numbers, which cases were domestic violence/IPV. Mr. Laplant did not have these numbers with him, but notified the members that he would get them out to them.

A major concern was that there will be people who do not have the capacity to complete an additional component because they are already our most vulnerable population and this will set them up for failure. A recommendation was made to review the statutes and potentially visit the idea that a training should occur within the various departments of the court to distinguish between mental health, family violence, and the intersection of the two.

### VI. JUDICIAL PRESENTATION ON ACCESS TO CLERKS' FILES

Johanna Greenfield, Deputy Director for Family and Support Matters, provided an overview of the public access component to the clerks' files.

Ms. Greenfield answered questions to reflect that the clerks' files are publicly accessible if one physically goes to the courthouse and requests them, but they are not publicly available online due to VAWA restrictions and the process of sealing a file.

### VII. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LARGER COUNCIL

Shauna Harrington notified the members that it is expected to get recommendations from both subcommittees to the larger council by 10/1.

The members discussed moving forward with:



## Offender Programs

- 1. Supervised Diversionary Program: reviewing the statutes (SDP & FVEP) to see if legislation can be tweaked, but also consider that this might be a training issue and not something to fix legislatively.
- 2. Combining Offender Programs and Arrest Warrants & Orders of Protection Subcommittees in January to make one "Court Subcommittee."

### Arrest Warrants & Orders of Protection

- 3. Preparing the confidential address request form for victims in criminal court.
- 4. Having Darren Mitchell come to conduct his Firearm Seizure & Compliance workshop with us the week of 11/17. The members also discussed that a smaller, local meeting will take place on 10/14 to discuss current procedures and challenges so that our time with Darren Mitchell can be maximized.
- 5. Looking into the current practice to have financial affidavits sealed in family court and see if the same practice can be applied to restraining order affidavits. An email will be sent to Judicial to distribute to the legal team and see if this is possible.

#### VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND ASSIGNMENTS

Shauna Harrington reiterated the potential merging of the two groups and how all members were unanimously on board with this at the last larger council meeting.

### IX. TIMELINE FOR 2025-2026 INITIATIVE

Shauna confirms recommendations are due for the 10/1 council meeting, and they will be sent earlier for members' approval; a draft of all final recommendations in Nov; 12/17 larger council meeting to finalize the report; and final report published in Jan 2026.

### X. OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

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

AW&OOP meetings: 10/15 from 11-12:30; and 11/19 from 11-12:30

OP meetings: 10/15 from 1-2:30pm; and 11/19 from 1-2:30pm

Larger council: 10/1 and 12/17, both from 12:30-2pm

#### XII. ADJOURNMENT



Meghan Scanlon made a motion to adjourn. Gail Hardy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM.