

**Connecticut Sentencing Task Force**  
**Subcommittee- Disparity**  
Meeting Summary  
June 27, 2007

**I. Introduction by Chairman Farr**

**II. Retreat Summary by Andrew Clark**

- a. Highlight philosophy and goals

**III. Presentation: *Disparity in Connecticut's Criminal Justice System*  
By: Deborah Fuller, Connecticut Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity**

- a. Imperative to develop policies that will reduce African American and Hispanic representation in Connecticut's criminal justice system.
- b. Research statistical data
- c. Surveyed police officers and asked if there were more alternatives to arrest would they use them? Most police officers would be willing to seek alternatives.
- d. Analysis of pre trial disparity
  - 1. Are people let out on pre-trial based on race and ethnicity?
- e. Study on Juries
  - 1. Juries are representative of their city and town

**IV. Discussion**

- a. Beneath what the lawyers and judges decide, does the criminal history really put people in prison?
- b. Predictors of incarceration
  - 1. Dropping out of school
  - 2. Fatherless family
- c. Working collaboratively with Connecticut Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity.
- d. Visit inner city schools and inquire about disparity
- e. There is a disproportionate number of State's Attorneys compared to the percentage of African American's in CT's prison population

**Next Meeting Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**