

**Connecticut Sentencing Task Force**  
**Subcommittee - Disparity**  
Meeting Summary  
July 18, 2007

**Attendees:** Eric Coleman (CGA), Robert Farr (BOPP), Kevin Kane (CSA), John Kissel (CGA), Michael Lawler (CGA), Andrew Moseley (BOPP), Hilda Nieves (CSSD), Lori Ricks (DOC), Joseph Rubin (Attorney General), Preston Tisdale (OCPD)

- I. **Introduction- Chairman Farr**
  - Meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m.
- II. **Co-Chair Designation**
  - John Kissel and Eric Coleman
- III. **Last Meeting Summary by Lyndsay Ruffolo**
- IV. **Presentation- Overview of Community Court in Hartford by Chris Pleasanton**
  - Opened November 10, 1998
  - Address low level misdemeanors “Quality of life crimes”
  - Community service
  - Social services on site
  - 3% incarceration rate
  - Advisory board- hotline, community meeting visits
  - Language barriers- interpreted, accommodating to the needs of those from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- V. **Questions**
  - Are state diversionary programs and Community Court programs similar?

- Are there adequate services for juveniles?
- How does the Community Court limit racial and ethnic disparity?

VI. **Discussion**

- Interim report
- Access to legislative research
- Recommendations for the first draft report
- Look at the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity

VII. **Conclusion- Chairman Farr**

- Meeting adjourned at 3:40

**This subcommittee meeting of the Connecticut Sentencing Task Force was recorded by CTN.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B at the LOB