



District of Columbia

Advisory Commission on Sentencing

800 K Street, N.W., Suite 450 South, Washington, DC 20001
Fax (202) 353-7831

DRAFT

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 2000

500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Room 1500

Attending:	F. Weisberg	H. Cushenberry	K. Hunt
	B. Erhardt	P. Hyde	M. Sedgewick
	C. Wellford	T. Kane	Chan C.
	P. Riley	J. Garrett	S. Gervasoni
	M. Ragghanti	N. Joyce	E. Lotke
	K. Severy	A. Occhetti	

I. Call to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. Legislative update

Attached to this meeting's agenda was a copy of the Enrolled Original version of Bill 13-696, the "Sentencing Reform Amendment Act of 2000". F. Weisberg reported that on July 11, 2000 the Council passed Bill 13-696 as amended, and passed an emergency bill to take effect on August 5, 2000. K. Severy briefly described the differences between Bill 13-696 and the Commission's recommendations (treatment of life offenses, and permissible uses set aside Youth Rehabilitation Act convictions). F. Weisberg noted Section 2 of the bill, which sets out the Commission's responsibilities for the next two years.

III. Report from the Research Subcommittee

K. Hunt reported that the staff will soon be pre-testing a data collection instrument. The data collection will supplement information available from automated files on factors such as victim injury and weapon use. The Research Subcommittee reviewed the instrument and made recommendations for improvements.

IV. Report from the Administration Subcommittee

F. Weisberg reported that the first Administration Subcommittee meeting took place on July 18, 2000 by conference call, with F. Weisberg, H. Brazil, Sharon Anderson for Robert Rigsby, and K. Hunt. Each member of the Subcommittee received a draft set of by-laws for the Commission, and a preliminary draft document outlining the Commission's policies and

procedures. He asked for comments on the draft by-laws, which were attached to the meeting's agenda. The draft policies and procedures document is being reviewed by Subcommittee members at this time, and will be circulated to the full Commission soon. Any vote taken on these matters must take place at a public meeting. One pressing issue is the transfer of financial assistance for the Commission from CSOSA to the District's Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

V. Other business

R. Wilkins wished the Commission a fond farewell; his last day at the Public Defender Service is Friday, July 28, 2000. Laura Hankins will continue to represent PDS on the Commission. K. Severy announced that her last day on C/M Brazil's staff would be Friday, July 21, 2000. C. Wellford announced that Chan Chanhatsilpa successfully defended his doctoral dissertation last week.

VI. Adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2000. The time and place of the September meeting will be announced.