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| Seal2  **CHARLES D. BAKER**  Governor  **KARYN E. POLITO**  Lt. Governor | The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  Executive Office of Public Safety and Security  One Ashburton Place, Room 2133  Boston, Massachusetts 02108  Tel: (617) 727-7775  TTY Tel: (617) 727-6618  Fax: (617) 727-4764  www.mass.gov/eopss | **TERRENCE M. REIDY**  Secretary |

**Justice Involved Woman Panel**

**Date**: January 24, 2022

**Time**: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Where**: Via Microsoft Teams (Virtual Meeting)

**Call to order and Roll Call Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm once a quorum of members was established and roll call was taken.

*Members Present:*

Chairwoman Allison Hallett

Rebecca Brink

Dr. Nancy Connolly

Patty Murphy

Daisy Hernandez

Nicole Bell

Corinn Nelson

Senator Cindy Friedman

Hema Sarang-Sieminski

*Members Absent:*

Sarah Ruiz

Rep. Chynah Tyler

Michelle Wetherbee

Delia Vega

**December 2021 Meeting Minutes Review/Vote**

Senator Friedman moved to accept the meeting minutes and Patty Murphy seconded. The motion carried and the meeting minutes were accepted.

**DCAMM Letter Follow-Up**

There was a response regarding the letter that was sent to DCAMM stating the Ripples report is waiting to be finalized and published. Once the Ripples Report is published a representative will be sent to inform the panel of the findings. Patty Murphy asked if there was an anticipated date that the report would be finalized. Chairwoman Hallett stated that there was not an anticipated date provided. Daisy Hernandez asked the panel if anyone has had experience in how long the report typically takes to complete. Patty stated that she has had some experience and given when the report was started it will most likely be completed by the spring of 2022. Nicole Bell commented in relation to the report that it would be a benefit to hear from someone in the Ripples group to be informed of how the information was gathered and what the demographics are. Senator Friedman will draft the response letter to DCAMM.

**2022 Reporting/Recommendations**

Dr. Connelly suggested that the panel must be honest in the work that they have done; it is important to include both what they have been able to do and what they have not been able to accomplish. Chairwoman Hallett asked if the panel could facilitate interviews with incarcerated woman through Zoom. Dr. Connolly voiced concerns over holding these interviews virtually as the panel would prefer the interviewees to be volunteers and not go through administration. Senator Friedman suggested that the panel focus on recently incarcerated woman. Nicole Bell inquired if the panel was currently or able to compensate those who volunteer. She also asked the panel if they are able to utilize outside organizations who have a strong relationship with individuals to facilitate in the distribution of the surveys with limited involvement from Corrections Officers. Chairwoman Hallett is not aware of having funding for compensation but has heard of other committees conducting interviews from facilities. Hema Sarang-Sieminski asked if the panel can view the surveys and responses that other task forces and committees are receiving as it can aid with their work. Senator Friedman stated that by seeing that information it will give the panel insight on what programs are being offered and who is able to attend those programs. Chairwoman Hallett informed the panel that when it comes to compensation the panel must tread lightly as it will set the precedent for other committees to begin compensation. Chairwoman Hallett also asked for a working group to put together recommendations. Hema Sarang-Sieminski and Patty Murphy volunteered. Members agreed to submit their recommendations to Michaela by February 21 in order for Hema and Patty to have a draft by February 25 ahead of the meeting.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public that entered for public comment.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Connolly moved to adjourn; Senator Friedman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.