



This Week In Probation

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Welcome to this weekly snapshot of Probation news and events.

Singapore Probation Official Pays A Visit

Training Addresses Veterans' Needs

Singapore Probation official Ruby Kala stopped by the Central Office of the Massachusetts Probation Service on Thursday, November 12th, to visit Commissioner Edward J. Dolan where she learned about the Service and its work with juvenile probationers.



Ruby Kala, John Millett, and Commissioner Ed Dolan

Kala, Assistant Manager/Information Management & Research Evaluation in Singapore's Probation Service, Rehabilitation and Protection Group, also met with John Millett, Probation's Statewide Supervisor for the Juvenile Court and Suffolk Juvenile Chief Probation Officer Mary K. McIntyre. She ended her Probation tour at the Suffolk Community Corrections Center. While in Boston, Ms. Kala attended the Annual Conference of the International Community Corrections Association (ICCA).



Photo submitted by Statewide Training Supervisor Patricia Gavin. Standing: Veterans Agent Louis Cimaglia IV, Department of Veterans' Services, Wilmington; Sitting left to right: Jason McCall, Veterans' Justice Officer, Department of Veterans' Affairs; Michael Grimm, Wounded Warrior; Laura Laykin, HomeBase, Inc.; and Carolyn Jette and Gage Nutter, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services.

Seventy-five Massachusetts Probation Service employees attended "Serving Our Veterans," a specialized training on how to address the needs of veterans. The day-long event took place November 10th at the Worcester Law Library.

One of the highlights of the training was the introduction of the new Valor Act referral form which offers a new format for identifying veterans in the court. This information now goes into one database managed by Veterans Services local offices.

This annual training also featured a live presentation of the "Battlemind," a training that helps soldiers navigate the challenges of transitioning from combat to home; discussion of veteran's culture; and community resources for veterans such as job training and housing assistance. Representatives from the Wounded Warrior Project and HomeBase, Inc., programs, which offer support for soldiers and their families, were in attendance.

"This program explored why this population is at risk and how we may best address their needs given the importance of early intervention," said Probation's Statewide Training Supervisor Patricia W. Gavin.

The event was planned by the Veterans Service Committee which includes Edward Callahan, Veterans Court Program Director; John Boardman, Haverhill District Chief Probation Officer; Andrew Theberge, Hampden Probate and Family Probation Officer; Mark DesLauriers, Attleboro District Probation Officer; Donald Purington, Department of Veterans Services; Diane Richard, Lead Training Program Manager; Steven Connor, Director of Central Hampshire Veteran Services; and Michael Coelho, Deputy Commissioner-Programs and Gavin.

New Monthly Speaker Series Has Been Created For Court-Involved Youth In Salem

The Essex Juvenile and Superior Court Probation Departments have developed a new monthly speaker series for participants of the On Point Program for at-risk and court-involved youth in Salem. The program is a collaborative effort of the Essex Juvenile Probation Department, Plummer Home, and Salem Police. On Point services approximately 100 at-risk and court-involved children and young adults each month.

Essex Juvenile Probation Officers Kimberly Lawrence and Jose Avila as well as Essex Superior Probation Officer Todd Angilly created the monthly series which will feature Essex Superior probationers and court-involved individuals as guest speakers.

The series meets the probation terms of offenders who are court-ordered to speak to youths about their experience. It also fulfills the On Point participants' requirement of attending educational events, according to Keith Willa, On Point Program Director.

"It is a great opportunity and the kids seem to get a lot out of these sessions," said Essex Juvenile Probation Officer Kimberly Lawrence.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE & STORY IDEA SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a Probation-related activity or event you would like featured in *This Week In Probation* or the monthly *Probation Update*? This Week will be published weekly except for the fourth week of the month when the Probation Update is distributed. The Probation Update submission deadline is the 20th. Please forward information to **Coria Holland, Communications Director**, Central Office, at coria.holland@jud.state.ma.us or call **617-624-9319; Cell Phone: 617-429-5629**. There is no submission deadline for This Week. Stories will reflect the previous week's activities and highlight upcoming events.

New Probation Officer Orientation At Training Academy

A group of 36 new Probation Officers participated in Probation Officer Orientation at the Massachusetts Probation Service's Training Academy in Clinton last week.

Among the topics featured during this five-day training are Probation Violation Overview, Overview of Addiction, Drug Testing Protocols, Veterans Services (Valor Act), Trauma Informed Services, and Pre-Sentence Investigations.

The new class of Probation Officers are Shannon Maloney, Berkshire Juvenile; Jaclyn Galligan, Barnstable District; Jeanelle Altiery, Lawrence District; Michael Blanchard, Barnstable District; Lola Evans, Hingham District; Sara Dutkiewicz, Hampden Probate & Family (P&F); Betty Nazaire, Taunton District; Keith Pixley, Middlesex Superior; Gloria Laboy, Middlesex Superior; Jennifer Carter, Somerville District; Michael Marino, Malden District; Kerrin Gordon, Lynn District; Mary Di-Nush-McDonough, Essex P&F; Ana Dias, Boston Municipal Court-Roxbury; Kevin Murray, Essex P&F; Clara Bett, Ayer District; Marina Nielsen, BMC-Brighton; Maureen Russo, Essex P&F; Tracy Callanan, BMC-Roxbury; Brook Doyon, Bristol Probate; Theresa Santos, Waltham District; Thomas Grochowski, Worcester District; Andrew Thompson, Bristol Superior; Yosmery Frias, BMC-Dorchester; Nathania Lescouflair, BMC-Dorchester; Shannon Maloney, Berkshire Juvenile; Michael Marino, Malden District; Mary McDonough, Essex P&F;



Photo submitted by Diane Richard, Lead Training Program Manager.

Kevin Murray, Essex P&F; Betty Nazaire, Taunton District; Marina Nielsen, BMC-Brighton; Ian Parkinson, Suffolk Superior; Tracey Pisano, Gardner District; Keith Pixley, Middlesex Superior; Ana Rodrigues, Bristol P&F; Maureen Russo, Essex P&F; Theresa Santos, Waltham District; Andrew Thompson, Bristol Superior; and Brandon McLaughlin, Ayer District.

GIVING THANKS

Probation Officer Julie Hall's Story

My name is Julie Hall and I am a Probation Officer assigned to the Juvenile Court on Cape Cod & the Islands. I scheduled a home visit with one of my Probationers who is 17 years old and I was a new Probation Officer to him.

When I arrived at the home, I was greeted by the Probationer's mother who came running out of the house. She approached my car and asked me to park in a different spot as her son had something special planned for me.

I moved my car to where I was directed to and got out. I then was pointed in the direction of where I originally parked and saw what the Probationer had made for me - my own parking space and I didn't even see it!!

It was one of those great moments where I was reminded why I love my job and what I do.



Barnstable Juvenile PO Julie Hall

For some, Thanksgiving is more than a holiday to enjoy a feast with friends and family. It is also a time to reflect and give thanks.

Do you have a story (150 words or less) you would like to share about an offender who thanked you for helping them turn their lives around? Or, Probation staff, is there something about your job that you feel particularly grateful about?

Please submit your brief story by November 23rd to be considered for publication in the newsletter to: coria.holland@jud.state.ma.us or call 617-624-9319 if you have questions.

TIS THE SEASON FOR HOLIDAY CHARITABLE GIVING

Probation staff across the state are conducting food, clothing, and toy drives to assist those in their communities who are struggling financially this holiday season.

If your court is engaged in a charity effort, please forward a description of what you are collecting and information about your court's charitable giving activity, including a description of what you are collecting, collection deadline, and contact information to coria.holland@jud.state.ma.us.

BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT SOCK DRIVE

Boston Municipal Court (BMC) Regional Supervisor Renee Payne came up with the idea to start a Sock Drive, "Helping Hands for Warm Feet," for the homeless. In addition to socks, items such as hats, gloves, and scarves are also being accepted in boxes at the eight BMC locations: Brighton, Central, Chelsea, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, South Boston, and West Roxbury.

NORFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY PIE DRIVE

Norfolk Probate & Family Probation Office Manager Danielle Slaney is coordinating the 5th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Drive for court clients and those in need. Slaney said this charity effort is a court-wide effort in which all court employees participate Slaney said it is the goal of the court to collect and distribute 60 or more pies to families in time for the holiday.



Box of donated items.

