JJPOC Diversion Work Group
FWSN Subgroup
February 5, 2020
1:00-2:30pm
Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Meeting Summary:

• JJPOC Update
  o At the January JJPOC meeting, the Diversion recommendations were presented. These included Raising the Minimum Age, funding of the Community-Based Diversion System and the development and implementation of a state-wide data collection system for YSBs.
  o All of the Diversion Workgroup recommendations were passed by the JJPOC and will now be considered during the upcoming legislative session.

• Referral Form
  o Previously, the form had been modified upon request of this Subgroup to make it simpler, more user friendly.
  o The subgroup continued to review the document and make further changes. These changes included grammatical and other clerical errors.

• Parent Guidance Document
  o The subgroup reviewed the document and made several edits to the language.
  o The edits included clarification about potential costs to families and easing of authoritarian language.

• Education / “Marketing” of New Process
  o Electronic versions of the Referral and Parent Guidance document should be made available on DCF, CYSA and individual YSB websites.
  o The CYSA website should also have a page that thoroughly explains the process.
  o The form should physically be available at juvenile courts, YSBs, police departments, school counseling offices, pediatricians, community centers, etc.
  o Utilization of United Way’s “2-1-1” service

• Next Steps
  o Kelly will make the recommended changes to the Referral and Parent Guidance forms.
  o Discussion on available services and the process for referrals/guidelines for YSBs & police will take place in the March meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 6th, 2020, 9:30 – 11:00am @ SDE