



JJPOC Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017

2:00PM

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Attendance:

Abby Anderson
Sec. Ben Barnes
Erica Bromley
Francis Carino
Hon. Judge Bernadette Conway
Linda Dixon
Sarah Eagan
Paul Formica
John Frassinelli
Hector Glynn

Brian Hill
John Holland
Rep. Robyn Porter
Christine Rapillo
Deborah Fuller
Shawn Rutchick
Martha Stone
Carolyn Treiss
Rep. Toni Walker

TYJI Staff:

William Carbone
Erika Nowakowski
Susan Cusano
Donna Pfrommer
Danielle Cooper
Gabriela Brito

Representative Toni Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Rep. Toni Walker asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 20, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Note that the items on the meeting agenda were presented out of order.

JJPOC Strategic Plan

William Carbone introduced Lael Chester, who was present at the July JJPOC meeting and helped facilitate the discussion of the strategic plan. Lael Chester provided an update on what occurred at the July JJPOC meeting. Lael Chester also provided a set of criteria on how to prioritize what reform or policy initiatives the group wants to focus on.

Survey was distributed via email to the JJPOC members after the July meeting. Survey asked members to identify three issue areas that they would like the JJPOC to work on for recommendations. Out of the 41 total JJPOC members, 19 members responded to the survey. Lael explained that if members still want to complete the survey, there is still an opportunity to do so.

Lael Chester reviewed the results of the survey.

For the first priority, results indicated that there was a heavy focus on the deep-end of the system. The areas that received the most votes were improve reentry and reintegration (as a continuum) and ensure smooth closure of CJTS/appropriate alternatives. The results for the second priority focused on the front-end of the system. The area that received most votes was address needs in the “front-end” of the system (prevention and diversion). The third priority had a heavy focus on the front-end of the system. The area that received most votes was improve early identification of



high-risk. Lael Chester offered that racial and ethnic disparities also received many votes in each of the priorities and therefore would be important to consider when identifying each priority.

There was follow up discussion regarding the survey results and next steps for the strategic plan. Tow Youth Justice Institute (TYJI) at the University of New Haven will follow-up with the co-chairs of the work groups to establish next steps for the JJPOC strategic plan.

Update on Progress

William Carbone, from the TYJI at the University of New Haven, reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

William Carbone expressed that there is still no update on the proposed legislation. However, the bill that the Democrats and Republicans have agreed on does include all of the recommendations except for those that had a fiscal note to them.

The RFP that was put out by DCF for the alternatives to CJTS responses are due on October 10th.

Update to the Diversion Work group moved to November due to limited time.

TYJI Study Update

William Carbone introduced Dr. Danielle Cooper, Director of Research from the Tow Youth Justice Institute at the University of New Haven.

Dr. Cooper provided an update on the various research projects. The legislation asked for an assessment of congregate care and an assessment of community based programs, which led to a memorandum of agreement between CSSD, DCF, DOC, and UNH. Dr. Cooper has data from 2005-2015 with the purpose of completing the first three studies.

The first study is an opportunity to look at youth who are in our state-run facilities. The study looks at CT juvenile correctional facilities: a study of youth in confinement (phase I). The main purpose is to look across the timeframe of the data and what we can see about the youth who were receiving services during that time as well as our policy changes during that period of time, how did our outcomes change and what are the dynamics in place. Phase II, and study two, is a study of the network of residential programs for juvenile offenders in state-funded privately operated congregate care. Phase I and Phase II are complimentary studies to one another.

Pre- and Post-Assessment of Community Based Programs is another study that is being conducted. It is complimentary to the first two studies that looks at youth who are not confined but are still receiving the same services as those youth in the first two studies. Dr. Cooper explained that the study will assess community based programs and how have services changed as we raise the age and as policy changes throughout the years.



In the Diversion Workgroup, one of the research projects that Dr. Cooper aided in was around the conversation of truancy and truancy intervention models. Dr. Cooper completed a report that will be a supplement to SDE's catalog of truancy intervention models.

Dr. Cooper summarized that there are lots of quantitative and qualitative studies being conducted. In addition to the studies, there are also many conversations taking place with practitioners and in the workgroups.

Rep. Toni Walker thanked Dr. Cooper for her update. Rep. Toni Walker also wanted to note that next month's meeting will end at 4:00pm instead of 3:30pm.

Rep. Toni Walker thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2017, 2:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm.

*Audio and/or video of the meeting can be found on https://www.cga.ct.gov/app/taskforce.asp?TF=20141215_Juvenile%20Justice%20Policy%20and%20Oversight%20Committee