



Cross Agency Data Sharing Work Group

January 25th, 2021

9:30AM-11:00AM

Web- Based Meeting- Zoom

Meeting Summary

- **Introductions:**
 - Cross-Agency Data Sharing Workgroup co-chair, Kyle Baudoin, is on leave so Marc Pelka, Patrick Lakha, and Kevin Neary from the Office of Policy and Management will filling in for him in the interim.
- **Update on CSG Equity Dashboard:**
 - The idea of the CSG Equity Dashboard was brought up in the IO Youth Initiative and RED workgroup. CSSD has met with a few individuals to work on this recommendation from the IOYouth Initiative and started refining the areas we might visualize the data for. The focus is on misdemeanors, detention admissions/screenings, dispositions, treatment referrals, and risk assessment.
 - There is discussion from the Office of Policy and Management to start data visualization, transferring data, and developing a prototype of an outline. The Council State Governments has shown an example of what a dashboard looks like in Colorado and making data available to location levels by towns or by court.
 - Decision points will require data development as amicable measures while collecting it on a dashboard. Judicial Branch is reviewing their process in data collection predominantly discretionary overriding by making adjusted improvements.
 - Paying attention to how we display historical and current data with small numbers of kids in certain groups will bring other conversations to the table. This data could also be useful for the LISTs (Local Interagency Service Teams) across the state if Juvenile Court District does it.
 - Link to the Dashboard: "DOC Population Charts." <https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/CJ-About/CJ-SAC/SAC-Sites/SAC-Homepage>
- **Overview and Update on Health, Housing, Education and Justice Study by Dr. Danielle Cooper:**
 - Dr. Cooper provided a brief summary of this research project and the recent steps taken.



- This study reviews justice data, the gaps with our state agencies' administrative data, and our capacities to understand the recidivism points since 2015. The ultimate goal is to explore this data related to health, housing and education.
- Meetings were held about stigmatization and protection of the juvenile justice data from the prior MOA expired in December 2020. The Executive Committee to discuss the progress made and the next steps to follow.
- The study will focus on 2014-2019 data, 24 years and younger, and taking the justice data we have access to and building individual-level data including mental health, education. This aggregated data includes physical health or mental health data, such as 211 and Connecticut Housing Coalition. Dr. Cooper set forth funding, engaging Dr. Kendall Coker (Clinical Psychology), Dr. Mingus (Public Health) and being a resource to inform data personal to understand the project with two perspectives. Different branches will be involved by moving back into personal conversations with state agencies about any questions they may have and the MOA edits' legal document with the Office of Policy and Management/TYJI. The State Department of Education still needs to be added to the MOAs and update them as we continue research with the Tow and JJPOC. There was also discussion on reviewing limitations of what we know, and how can we yield more information about their youth, communities, as they have personal contact with the system.
- At UNH, the University will see the Center for Analytics data as they merge of what the analysis required. As we looked at the data merge from state agencies in 2016, we worked with researchers as CCSU responsible for that collection. November-January is a time where we made sure the grant was feasible, and the next steps are connecting with state agencies and communicating with this group as a whole.
- A brief report OPM issued on data sharing last week: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CT-Data/Legal-Issues-in-Interagency-Data-Sharing-Report-11521_merged.pdf
- A more comprehensive report and set of appendices with laws and regulations in key areas: <https://portal.ct.gov/CTData/Content/Agency-Guidance>
- Dr. Cooper's study is not just looking at this age up to 17, but this leads more questions by looking at youth just related age group up to 24. This study will be a JJPOC study as it will help inform the JJPOC and its many workgroups. She connects with committee members as she is collaborating and guidance and explaining the data, what are other ways to misunderstand/misuse the data and amplify the clarity. If the JJPOC does not want to accept this study, it will be her own study that she will be conducting as a professional.
- There was discussion on a recommendation from the Executive Committee for the statute establishing JJPOC be amended to expand the committee's purview up to 21 years old. In the JJPOC strategic plan, raising the upper age is discussed. JJPOC's direction and the study of Harvard was to look at the impact of first time



offenders and the young adults in the system and what are their offenses and profile. We want to have a better understanding of who they are and make data-based recommendations for the upper age. Tow's goal is to conduct research to help youth lives up to the age up to 24. In the JJPOC strategic plan, that ties to this work with RED and Raise the Age conversations.

- **Other:**

- Data Request Form was circulated among the workgroup members for feedback. The Data Co-Chairs will work together to review the feedback and start to operationalize and distribute the form to the other workgroups.

- **Next Steps:**

- 2021 Work Plan/Update JJPOC Strategic Plan
 - TYJI will be meeting with the co-chairs with each workgroup in March to discuss what items they would like to work on with their workgroup moving forward in 2021.
 - TYJI will also work with the co-chairs to update their sections in the JJPOC Strategic Plan. These conversation will include new goal settings, what pieces of the strategic plan should stay, what is too far of a reach, or new interests to be added. We will be sharing this information with the Executive Committee over the summer.

- **Next Meeting:** March 15, 2021 at 9:30AM