

**THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION – DISCUSSION AND  
UPDATES**

**JJPOC Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup**

**May 16, 2022**

**9:30am-11:00am**

**Web-Based Meeting – Zoom**

**Meeting Summary:**

- Discussion Led by Laura Furr on Youth and Community Engagement on the JJPOC and its Workgroups
  - Consulting with TYJI, JJPOC and CEW to help support better integration between the CEW, families with live experience, the JJPOC and its workgroups
  - The goals for April-June 2022 were presented
    - Assess current and past community engagement by JJPOC and workgroups
    - Recommending next steps to strengthen engagement over the course of the next year
  - The continuum of youth engagement was reviewed:
    - Adult lead decision making: Adults informing youth of decisions
    - Youth Adult partnership: Shared power, adults letting go of power
    - Youth Lead decision making: Youth own decisions and solutions then advocate to adults
  - It was clarified what youth engagement is not:
    - Checking the box: youth are present but not given meaningful opportunities to weigh in
    - Manipulating the results: only including youth who agree with the adults or providing biased education
    - “Tell us your story”: listening to the story but not providing opportunity to apply their lived expertise
  - There was discussion about how the Cross Agency Data and Agency Workgroup can engage or has engaged young people
  - The workgroup clarified that they provide data and serve as a response feature to other workgroups, much of the research they do is with secondary data, which creates challenges in being able to engage youth
  - There have been some events or activities with CT Justice Alliance or other youth organizations, but from research standpoint engaging youth is difficult due to ethical concerns
  - The workgroup is aware of the gap in engaging youth in research, however, OPM reported that the state received a grant last month to work on incorporating community voices into data, this shows the state acknowledges the need to engage the community
  - Next steps
    - Online survey asking for individual expressions about where community engagement is heading (Link provided by Laura:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTrels09k04Ag8qwDB1ba-j6Zp8J-tuQRvEiWPO-kFVqk\\_Ng/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTrels09k04Ag8qwDB1ba-j6Zp8J-tuQRvEiWPO-kFVqk_Ng/viewform))

- There is a training with the JJPOC on June 16<sup>th</sup>
- Update from Dr. Cooper: A Multi-Level Examination of health, housing, and education indicators for DCF/Justice Involved Youth and Young Adults
  - Previously there was a Memorandum of Agreement with DCF, DOC and the Judicial branch, which has expired, before the expiration in February of 2019 there was approval and acknowledgement of the health, housing, and education justice study by the executive committee of the JJPOC
  - In 2020 and 2021 an MOA with 211 was executed and data is being stored at the Center for Data Analytics, an MOA was also executed with the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction services
  - Goal: A study that does not just focus on justice-involved youth but one that focuses on youth and young adults up to the age of 24, including the single and dual dependency youth that are a part of the DCF dependency and family services system
  - Since meeting with the Judicial Branch and DOC in January 2021 and developing an understanding of the study the next stage is to provide more clarity into what the structure of the data file is, and the data file requests, they then moved into more clarifications about P20 WIN and talking about what state agencies are not at the table
  - March to July of 2021 an MOA was signed with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - After signing an MOA with DMHAS, there was the intention to get data into UNH however DMHAS had gone through another level of review to get final approvals for data transmission and DMHAS stated that it was not possible to get UNH new identifiable data and publicly accessible data would need to be used
  - Starting in Fall of 2021 there were regular meetings with the Department of Children and Families with the potential to move into a three-way MOA with DCF, DOC and Judicial
  - Getting data from SDE has proved to be challenging as they will only provide data through P20 WIN which would not be efficient
  - The question was asked if the study should pause and wait for more data or cut and create a mini study of the data currently available, with the potential to then come back and get more information from P20 WIN and create a study curated to that data
  - It was brought up that if there is more backing from the JJPOC that state agencies may be more willing to sit down to have a conversation about what is needed from them for the research and how to make that possible
  - An update was provided that CSSD and Judicial are making moves towards P20 WIN and in the process of deciding what it would look like to participate
  - It was asked if there was a potential for an agreement that would allow the branch to provide a census of data that gets rinsed through P20 WIN or if there has been a request that agencies participating in P20 WIN labor provide censuses to labor and labor could be the clearing house for external data sets
  - Ideal: an environment that exists where requests can be made and not be so much labor for state agencies as well as make requests more feasible for researchers

- Update on the Equity Dashboard
  - There was data provided to OPM from CSSD at the end of last year which has been reviewed, new data was provided in March and the data is currently being reviewed
  - There was a meeting set up to discuss the technical aspects of the equity dashboard this group will meet monthly going forward
  - TYJI was able provided some suggestions for the equity dashboard design to make it easily accessible and understood for the communities that will be utilizing it
  - It was discussed the potential of getting input of justice involved youth and their parents to get more voices to contribute to the design
  - The research unit recently completed and submitted the application for years two and three for the grant that supports some work done on the dashboard, the grant is currently awaiting approval
  - Two parallel tracks the dashboard is working on
    - Technical exchange of data
    - Front end design piece
- Next Steps
  - It was noted that TYJI will be reengaging and updating membership of the workgroups over the course of the summer

**Next Meeting:** July 18, 2022, 9:30-11:00am