Data Measures Report Planning Call

JULY 22ND, 2022

10:00 am- 11:00 am

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary

1. **JJPOC Strategic Focus**
   - Intent for this call was to have representatives from state agencies that work directly with youth to come together
   - March through May meetings with workgroups were held to establish a plan, after the legislative session there was a need to re-strategize for what is to come in 2023
   - The goal is to identify what is known about the system and is not, figuring out how the system is serving youth, what the outcomes are, are they landing in the right services, and more
   - There was a request to pause and reprioritize
     - Creating recommendations based on what is legislatively mandated
     - Rather than focusing only on recidivism, diversion, and incarceration in the yearly report, taking a snapshot of programs and services, how they are working and the outcomes
     - Looking at where the gaps are and strategize what needs to be done to fix them
   - Some may have already discussed and brainstormed, but would like to bring everyone on the same page
   - There is a need to reeducate the JJPOC and its members on the system, it has changed significantly since the pandemic
   - It was brought up that understanding the dynamics of politics and how it plays a role in the JJPOCs work, more needs to be done to ensure people understand what it is like to be a youth in the system
   - One thing that should be done is the reminding people on a regular basis how far the JJPOC has come, COVID has changed a lot in the areas that the JJPOC works in, but the committee has improved in many ways, and can continue to improve
   - Need to make sure the goals are attainable, and should be looking at the progress that has happened

- In the last data sharing meeting, it was suggested that other agencies should come to present their data, this would help the group gain an understanding from those who work with the data regularly
- One of the things that has been talked about is the importance of looking at the core oversight and responsibility function of the JJPOC, then looking at what data is need from the system to figure out what information is there and what is not
- Data helps to tell the story of how many youths there are, where they are coming from and how they are being served
- In the absence of data any story line can take its place, the JJPOC needs to be an expert on the system so what is working and where gaps are can clearly by pointed out
- OCA works with information on youth that are in the deep end of the system, it was noted that some of this information is readily available, while some is not as easily accessible, but what is available could be shared
- It is important to look at what the top priorities are from a system oversite prospective
- The Village for Children and Families stated that they had a good view of the system because of the information that they provide to CSSD, but after the pandemic it is hard to see what the system looks like, many parts are radically different, it is important to take a step back since many agencies don't have a good view of the system
- When working on the dashboard it has become clear that the numbers are dramatically different than they were two years ago
- Some pointed out that trying to change policy without knowing what they system looks like is hard
- The group should take into consideration where the state is in terms of workforce and the capacity agencies have to answer the questions that are being asked
- The work that the JJPOC does is important, there is a lot of work done on examining other states and best practices, right now the JJPOC should look at themselves, and get to the point of what we do know about the system
- It was brought up that the JJPOC does not engage with the public, which causes gaps in knowledge, how will the JJPOC work to engage with the public
- Hard to have oversight of the system without knowing what is looks like
- It was asked if there is a place in the JJPOC to focus on other issues like gun violence or even to fit in data on issues like gun violence, it was acknowledged that with the mandates and the existing workgroups may not fit, however it potentially would be woven in
- In order to engage the public in more discussion, agendas and meeting information could be posted in advance so people can join the conversations

- Some were usure if the JJPOC engages with agencies that can give data on topics like auto theft and gun violence, this would open a door to engage with the entities that do focus on this
- When it comes to addressing topics like gun violence, the JJPOC should work with other committees or commissions to make sure that efforts are aligned and support with others, when identifying specific priorities what other groups are already looking at this so that the JJPOC can work with them
- Ron Schack joined this meeting to offer expertise as this is similar to work that he has done in the past, the group can work to readjust models that already exist to fit the current needs of the JJPOC, the group can look at past work he has done to potentially build off of that
- The group should be looking at reoffending rates, risk factors, diversion dynamics, mainly looking at information around services and outcomes, the biggest challenge is getting the data and figuring out the most important areas
- In terms of gun violence, getting data and doing "turn the curve sessions" could be helpful
- If topics such as gun violence were added to the JJPOCs agenda adding another subcommittee may be difficult, it may be best to see if there are any workgroups that could expand to cover additional topics
- Potentially the group could work on bringing in agencies that have not been worked with previously, like the department of public health
- New topics may not be able to be turned into recommendations right now, but continuing the work, strengthening it, and bringing in new partners may be possible right now
- Acknowledging the JJPOC is hard to understand and working to meet people where they are at if the public is going to be engaged in conversations, how to engage the public without overwhelming them
- Defining the scope of data that is needs to be brought in or what data the group wants to bring in
- Looking at what services kids are getting when they are detained, OCA would like to cover this in their report, how reliable are services, what are the outcomes
- OCA sits on the child fatality committee, could bring in information about overdose, suicides, gun violence, and other causes of death

2. **Data Needs**
   - Summary of Data Needs
     - Figuring out is youth are being assigned to the appropriate services, where are they ending up, are the services working, and more
     - Elaborating on the recidivism piece of the report
     - Getting data form DOC, CSSD, SDE, and DCF

- o There will be specific conversations with agencies about the scope of data that is needed
- o Areas that have been identified will be sent out to the group so everyone can share feedback
- o All the information will flow through the cross-agency data sharing workgroup
- o Would like to reeducate stake holders about what the system looks like now, identifying what is work and what is not
- o Need to look at the RBA framework, potentially modifying this to work for the needs of this group
- o This will be a lot of work, some areas will be prioritized, it will be a step-by-step process, not all questions will be able to be answered fully, potentially this could be a phased approach
- o Presentations from the different stakeholders are being given at the JJPOC meetings to educate everyone about the different systems that exist
- Who is missing
  - o The Department of Public Health
  - o Other agencies that people may identify throughout the process

3. **Timeline**
- Report completed by October