

**JJPOC Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Web Based Meeting- Zoom**

**Attendance**

Brian Hill  
Bryan Sperry  
Kelly Orts  
Mary Lansing  
Maurice Reaves  
Michael Pierce  
Michele Massores  
Pauline Zaldonis  
Scott Gaul  
Toni Walker

**TYJI Staff**

Brittany LaMarr  
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Erika Nowakowski

**Meeting Objectives:**

The September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 JJPOC Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup meeting consisted of a presentation and three updates. Members of the DOC presented a preview of their presentation for the September JJPOC monthly meeting, an update on the JJPOC strategic plan, an update on the annual report by the Judicial Branch, and an update on the Equity Dashboard were provided.

**Meeting Summary:**

- Preview of the DOC Presentation for the September JJPOC Meeting
  - The DOC provided a preview of their presentation on mental health and educational concerns, suicide and self-harm behaviors, and use of force incidents at the Manson Youth Institute.
    - The data provided is from the 2023 calendar year
    - This presentation will be given at the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, JJPOC meeting
  - The demographics of the MYI youth were presented, with the majority of them being 17 years old and Black.
  - There were 86 admissions during the 2023 calendar year with the majority of youth from Bridgeport.
    - The number of discharges from court, youth sentenced, youth that met the end of their sentences, and transition supervision occurrences were reported as well.
  - The mental health scores of the youth at MYI for each month were presented, where it was consistent throughout the year that the majority mental health score

- observed was Mental Health 3. A visual explanation of each mental health score will be added to the presentation ahead of the JJPOC monthly meeting.
- The Suicide Risk Assessments and Mental Health Infirmary Admissions data was presented. An important note regarding this data is that each youth that is admitted to MYI goes through a Suicide Risk Assessment, therefore the high numbers observed in the presentation regarding this is more due to the intake of youth rather than genuine suicidal concerns.
  - The Use of Force Incidents for youth aged 17 and under was presented as well. MYI representatives explained the use of force as any form of hands-on interaction with a youth. For example, wrist restraints are considered use of force in the MYI data.
    - Two therapeutic restraint incidents occurred.
    - Chemical agents were used in May, August, September, and October.
    - Use of force incidents were highest in September at 22 incidents and lowest in November at 5 incidents.
    - A suggestion was given to the MYI representatives to include data regarding how 2023's use of force incident report compares to previous years in preparation for the monthly JJPOC meeting. The trends of use of force incidents at MYI are desired to determine how current trends compare to previous ones.
      - The MYI representatives stated that the 2023 use of force incident data is lower compared to previous years.
  - The educational data for MYI was presented.
    - There shows an increase in students involved in vocational classes, areas of progression, and awards in outstanding achievements compared to the year prior.
    - There were some increases in PBS scores as well.
    - 144 students aged 17 and under participated in two career and technical education programs during the 2023 calendar year. MYI will also implement vocational training through virtual reality equipment for youth to explore different vocations and gain experience. The virtual reality vocational experience will give MYI youth the opportunity to earn certifications as well.
  - The Programming Initiatives implemented by MYI were presented as well, which include the Fatherhood Initiative, the Restorative Justice Initiative, Violence Intervention Programs, and Mentoring through Credible Messengers.
  - The Programs and Treatment information at MYI was presented. These treatments and programs are treatment focused and/or skill building focused with specific focuses on life skills, gardening, and the Justice Education Center, which includes the virtual reality occupation exploration.
  - MYI staff is working to soften the space at MYI for the children who visit the facility for the Fatherhood Initiative to make it more welcoming.

- The Juvenile Core Programming Completions and Participation data was presented.
  - When youth enter probation from MYI they can participate in related sessions, but it would not be directly involved with MYI.
- An update on the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement was discussed, which includes: the implementation teams have been identified and are meeting, the implementation plan needs to be created, the fiscal note is currently in development, a Compliance Officer needs to be designated, the policy and procedure revisions to be consistent with principles set forth in agreement needs to be drafted, and staff training curriculum needs to be developed and provided.
- Update on the JJPOC Five Year Strategic Plan Development
  - As part of the new strategic plan, the Education, Incarceration, and Diversion Workgroups will take on two or three initiatives.
  - The Racial and Ethnic Disparities Workgroup's purpose will be to manage the work being done and recommendations designed by the JJPOC to ensure that racial and ethnic consideration is included.
  - The Cross-Agency Data Sharing Workgroup, as part of the new strategic plan, will continue to provide support to other workgroups by fulfilling comprehensive data requests.
- Update from the Judicial Branch on the Annual Report provided to the JJPOC
  - Points of the Annual Report:
    - The annual report will be a walkthrough of the judicial system from the entry of youth to the time when they leave the system.
    - The outcomes of the youth while under supervision will be presented as well as recidivism outcomes.
    - Information regarding programs and the participation of youth in these programs will be presented.
    - The diversionary program regarding auto-thefts and the participation of youth in this program will be presented.
    - Updates from the Equity Dashboard will be presented with hopes that it will soon be available to the public.
    - The crossover youth project will be presented. This project focuses on updating the data regarding crossover youth to better link the two systems: the justice system and the child welfare system.
      - The agencies involved in this project are the Court Support Services Division, Department of Children and Families, and Georgetown.
      - The crossover youth update will be provided in November of 2024 at the JJPOC monthly meeting.
  - A suggestion about having rotating updates on the crossover youth project was provided for future work.

- Updates from the Equity Dashboard
  - An update on the Equity Dashboard will be presented at the November JJPOC meeting.
  - The detention measure has gone public so everyone should be able to see it on the dashboard.
  - The Equity Dashboard team is focusing on the fourth measure, non-judicial handling of cases, so work on this measure is beginning.
    - The OPM team and others meet with judicial monthly now to work on the non-judicial handling measure and update the other three measures.

**Next Meeting: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

