



JJPOC CEW Workgroup MEETING

January 25, 2024

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Attendance

Laura Furr	Gerard Chappell	A. Ray Dancy	Mary Valdovinos	Layan Jahaf
Christina Quaranta	Ann Smith	Russell Jenkins Jr.	Rev. Yolanda J. Dancy	Josiah Green
Michelle “Stella” Rose	Janeen Reid	Tyrome Sawyer	simar	

Meeting Summary

1. Workgroup updates:

- Concerns regarding Children’s Behavior Health System
- CT is going for a waiver of Medicaid that will allow for incarcerated individuals up to age 19 to have their Medicaid active 90 days before they are released
- Immerging Leaders Training – exploring leadership qualities and refining those qualities.
- Help youth build relationships while they’re in detention or step-down programs so when they are being re-entered, they have a place to go to.

2. Reforming the youth legal system

- Short-term action steps:
 - CEW led relationship building session and training for the JJPOC members. This provides a chance for youth and community members to build relationships with the JJPOC members.
 - Connecting CEW members with representatives from the tribes (medium goals?).
 - Push to fill the two youth voting seats on the JJPOC made available last year.

3. Suggestions for future meetings:

- Avoid putting people on the spot
- More welcoming, provide information to prepare youth for meetings.
- Partner youth with adults



- Meetings are too long.
- Have someone follow-up and debrief with people who are new to the conversations and prep them for the next meeting.
- Be youth-friendly, avoid talking with high-level of expertise.
- Workgroup meetings conflict with school.
- Allow time for youth to talk amongst themselves before they engage back as a group
- Focus resources on proactive measures rather than reactive measures.

Next Meeting: March 28th, 2024