

THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION

JJPOC Community Expertise Workgroup

January 17th, 2025

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

Christina Quaranta

Erin Williamson

Jacqueline James

Jordyn Wilson

Stella Rose Dugue

TYJI Staff

Andrew Zhebrak

Brittany LaMarr

Erika Nowakowski

Meeting Objectives:

The January 17th, 2025 JJPOC CEW Workgroup meeting consisted of a discussion regarding the Youth Report and its timeline as well as the planning of the youth panel that is to be held at the February JJPOC Meeting on February 27th, 2025.

Meeting Summary:

- 1) Discuss Youth Report and Timeline
 - a. The Youth Report, which is a collection of surveys and survey analyses regarding youth in Connecticut, is continuing to be drafted and finalized.
 - i. Initially, the surveys were quantified in terms of demographics. Then, a qualitative analysis was conducted to determine common themes across the surveys. The general CEW survey that was delivered across the state consisted of six questions while the New Haven survey (NELP) consisted of four. After being identified, the common themes were then analyzed in terms of significance, indication, and potential causes.

- ii. The end of goal timeline is for the Youth Report to be finalized and released by the end of the first week of February so that it can be used during the JJPOC youth panel.
- iii. Feedback and direct changes regarding the report are due by Monday, January 27th, 2025, and a final draft will be sent to the CEW by January 31st, 2025.

2) Plan for February 27th Youth JJPOC Panel at the LOB

- a. The February JJPOC Meeting has been moved to February 27th, 2025, and will consist of a panel of youth as well as the presentation of the youth report. The Tow Youth Justice Institute (TYJI) will stream this meeting as their second Fact vs. Fiction webinar.
 - i. It was suggested that there be at least one youth on the panel from each organization. It was also suggested that the panel be as interactive as possible to engage the JJPOC with the youth.
 - ii. The questions directed to the youth panel will be required to be more general rather than personal experiences of individual young people.
 - iii. It was decided that the goals of the panel would be for the youth to be able to hold the adults accountable, especially regarding ensuring youth have access to what they need; and humanizing the youth and their experiences without tokenizing them. The panel could also be used to identify issues facing youth in Connecticut beyond juvenile justice, such as tangential struggles and missing pieces from the community.
 - iv. It was suggested that the format of the panel be the opposite of a traditional JJPOC monthly meeting, where the young people sit at the table with the microphones and the JJPOC members sit in the audience.

3) Next Steps

- a. In order to bring a youth representative from the Manson Youth Insititute, future collaboration is needed with DOC.

Next Meeting: TBD

