

THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION

JJPOC Community Expertise Workgroup

February 3rd, 2025

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

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Brittany LaMarr

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Meeting Objectives:

The February 3rd, 2025, JJPOC CEW Workgroup meeting consisted of a discussion regarding the logistics of the February 27th, 2025, JJPOC youth panel and a brief update on the Youth Report.

- JJPOC Youth Panel on February 27th, 2025
 - The February 27th, 2025, JJPOC meeting youth panel will serve as the second Fact vs. Fiction event as part of the Tow Youth Justice Institute's 10-year anniversary celebration.
 - Many youths are being identified and asked to participate at the February JJPOC meeting to form a well-rounded panel. Currently, roughly 14 young people have been identified as participating on the panel.
 - The workgroup came to a consensus of having multiple moderators for the panel and the run of show will include first the introduction of and discussion around the Youth Report, and each moderator will focus on a different topic of conversation with the youth, forming different "rooms." The hope of this panel format is that it will show how all of the issues being discussed are interconnected. Additionally, a city spotlight on New Haven was suggested due to

the immense amount of data available and the issues being faced by the young people there.

- Infographics will be created from the Youth Report to serve as a visual representation of statistics regarding the issues being discussed, including the resources that are not available for young people.
 - An idea was proposed that “racing bids” would be provided to the JJPOC membership to wear that represent statistics of young people who experience significant issues that the panel and report will address, such as incarceration, expulsion, and trafficking.
 - More information is to come regarding the press conference.
 - Official excused absence letters will be provided for the youth on the panel that will be missing any part of the school day due to their participation.
- Youth Report Update
 - The Youth Report internal deadline is February 7th, 2025, but additional feedback and youth voices are welcomed, even if it pushes the finalized date back.
 - The hopes for the Youth Report are for the recommendations to come from the young people themselves and for the JJPOC to use them in its work moving forward.
- Next Steps
 - A request for the young people on the panel to create a playlist to play at the beginning of the meeting was made.
 - Mass membership contact is necessary to ensure the JJPOC membership attends the February meeting.

Next Meeting: TBD

