



**Diversion Workgroup  
May 6, 2022  
11:00am – 12:30pm  
Web-Based Meeting- Zoom**

## **Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Laura Furr group discussion and engagement
  - Assess past and current communication and engagement with youth and family and then recommend next steps
  - Laura introduced the horizontal chart regarding youth/family lead decision making
  - In regards to the Truancy Subgroup, feedback from parental consent form was taken into consideration and then we halted the feedback and are looking at how to create change
  - Dr. Cooper feedback around status offenders and Truancy update, getting input from family (focus groups in facilities)
  - Youth/Family voice not in Alt to Arrest yet.
  - If we could have an array of avenues we solicit the youth, other ways to organically get input at the front lines and funneling it somewhere.
  - Laura sent out survey link to the group again
    - i. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTrels09k04Ag8qwDB1ba-j6Zp8J-tuQRvEiWPO-kFVqk\\_Ng/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTrels09k04Ag8qwDB1ba-j6Zp8J-tuQRvEiWPO-kFVqk_Ng/viewform?usp=sf_link)
    - ii. Brittany will send out to all the workgroup members



- Training will be done June 16
- Who do youth want to reach, what is the message they want to share, and how do they want to share it.

### 3. Update on legislation

- Nothing moved forward that we wanted, we have a lot of information in place for next year.
- We can build on for next year, we have a report due in January for the next set of charges to include
- Roll into one larger package and make their effective dates pushed out so we are not asking for everything all at once.
- HB 5417, demonstrates power of perception, media, and election year
- Breakdown of language of HB 5417, may be some residual impact with diversion. (Bring to next meeting or send out to workgroup members)
  - i. Sue is summarizing the changes that the bill does
- Linda will summarize and bring/share HB 5001, it also has language on truancy
  - Some towns doing pre arrest diversion already, hb 5417 (5 day timeline) may encourage more referral for pre-arrest diversion

### 4. Update on workgroups and work moving forward

- Truancy – still pursuing the permission form for the beginning of the school year, Hartford would pilot it. Search of best practices and community based services
- Alt. to Arrest to begin next stage of plan
- RTA still needs to meet

### 5. Next Steps



- Have a conversation about how to market pre arrest diversion and how to educate our law enforcement folks knowing we are going to recommend it anyways. How many other doors there are for access that they might not know about. There are many other avenues.
- Engage law enforcement, educate, informing, planning how that is going to be done. Educate and do outreach on multiple topics. Include pre-arrest diversion and others, who are the stakeholders, what are the messages
- Simplify the message, there is a lot of information out there, make it digestible.

Next Meeting is July 1, Send out email prior to meeting to make sure everyone can make it, maybe change