



JJPOC Diversion Workgroup Meeting

JULY 1ST, 2022

11:00 AM- 12:30 PM

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary:

1. Review JJPOC Strategic Re-Focusing Slides

- A decision has been made to refocus the strategic plan for this group for this year
- Taking a pulse check of the system
 - The Cross Agency Data Sharing workgroup is creating a report of what the system looks like, it will be a landscape picture of the system
 - The group is hoping to have a report done sooner than normal this year
- Prioritizing recommendations
 - Focusing mainly on what is required through the legislation
 - Making sure the recommendations are more digestible, this will make them easier to support
- Legislative obligations
 - Suspension and expulsion workgroup recommendations will be prioritized
 - The alternatives to arrest subgroup report due in January
 - The commissary subgroup will hopefully make recommendation in January
 - Community expertise workgroup recommendations will be a high priority once again
 - Workgroups will continue their work, then decisions can be made about when recommendations can be formed
- This presentation will be shared with this workgroup and at the JJPOC monthly meeting



- The report done by CADS is to paint a broader picture of the system, P20 WIN is not a part of this, the report will start to ground the importance of the intersectionality of the different agencies within CT
- It was noted that P20 WIN could be connected to this report, some of the data will be useful to the report since it is new
- It was asked if groups and those more familiar with the legislative process could give feedback about what is or is not likely to pass in the next session
- There has already been a conversation about this with JJPOC chairs
- A question was asked about if there are additional conversations are needed about the strategic plan or recommendations outside of legislatures and chairs
- The group would like for lines of communication to stay open, so everyone is aware of what is happening
- This group should continue to do the work they are doing so that the information stays fresh in peoples mind, even if recommendations are not presented at least a report could be made with the relevant information
- Making sure the recommendations are streamlined will make groups more successful
- It would make sense to have a few recommendations that stem from connected ideas
- It was clarified that work within the workgroup will not stop, the group will continue their work, if the workgroup feels good about their recommendations they can be presented, if not a report can be made and the group can continue to collect data for recommendations in 2024, since recommendations take years to pass groups must be persistent
- In terms of suspensions and expulsions, when covid money starts to run out data can be gathered about what the money was used for and the impacts of it, this can help to form future recommendations

2. Discuss streamlining recommendations

- Currently this is hard to plan without knowing what people are thinking about
- Once hearing from the other groups and learning about connections this can be done, it is important to do but may not be possible right now

3. Subgroup Updates

- Alternatives to arrest
 - Report is due in January of 2023, the group agreed to tweak the original report with updated information about new initiatives that are currently happening



- Making it known that this already happens a lot but having it codified is important
 - The group discussed the referral form and potentially creating a form that is the size as a ticket book that some places have been using, they need to figure out the information included on it, if it will be across the board, and more
 - It was asked if the group looked at the Waterbury form, that specific form was too long so a modified form that is more digestible will be created
 - The form that will be created is going to be user friendly for families and police
 - It was discussed that language surrounding FWSNs could be an agenda item for a future meeting for this group, talking about if forms or other things would need updated language
 - Tracking pre-arrest referrals mostly would come through the JRB, would not be a perfect system since some kids may be referred to places that are not JRBs
 - Recommendations about referrals did not go through this past legislative session but should still encourage officers to make referrals pre-arrest, since this can be done voluntarily
- Raise the Minimum age
 - Rescheduling the July meeting to August due to the JJPOC youth and community engagement training
 - There needs to be work done to collect new data
 - The group has been discussing changing the age level to 14
 - The group is looking to do community outreach
- Truancy
 - In the process of working with UNH media department to create an educational video to go along with permission form for a referral for kids who are truant
 - Need to know if Hartford would like to continue with the pilot without the video, the form is ready, but logistics need to be decided
 - Once the pilot in Hartford is off the ground the group can get feedback from parents on the forms and the process
 - A questionnaire was sent out to multiple parent groups to get feedback on what would be important to include in the video, the format, and just very basic information



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- At the next meeting there will be a review of best practices from across the nation

Next Meeting: September 2nd, 2022 11:00 AM-12:30 PM