

## **THIS MEETING DID CONTAIN A PRESENTTION – DISCUSSION AND UPDATES**

### **JJPOC Diversion Workgroup**

**July 1, 2022**

**11:00am-12:30pm**

**Web-Based Meeting Zoom**

#### **Meeting Summary:**

- Review JJPOC Strategic Re-Focusing Slides
  - Taking a pulse check of the system
    - The Cross Agency Data Sharing (CADS) workgroup is creating a report of what the system looks like to include data from multiple agencies
    - 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, making them easier to support
  - Legislative obligations
    - Suspension and expulsion workgroup report due in January
    - The alternatives to arrest subgroup report due in January
    - The commissary subgroup will make recommendations in January in response to their legislative obligation
    - 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 workgroups and at the JJPOC July monthly meeting
  - The report being done by CADS is to paint a larger picture of the system and start to ground the importance of the intersectionality of different agencies within CT
  - It was noted that P20 WIN could be highlighted as something in the future that will consistently collect data from all agencies – similar to what CADS is doing this year.
  - The group would like for lines of communication to stay open with legislative chairs
  - 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 updated information
  - 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

- 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
- 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 diverting certain offenses 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
    - 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, discussing whether 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
    - 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 and the format
    - At the next meeting there will be a review of best practices from across the nation

**Next meeting: September 2, 2022, 11:00am-12:30pm**