

**THIS MEETING DID CONTAIN A PRESENTATION – UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

**JJPOC Diversion Workgroup**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**11:00-12:30**

**Virtual Meeting – ZOOM**

**Meeting Summary:**

- YSB and JRB Landscape analysis
  - The final report is awaiting final approval.
    - A survey was created and given to all Youth Services Bureaus and Juvenile Review Boards
    - 96% of YSB and 94% of JRB completed the survey
    - There were 150+ questions per survey, these questions were made by CYSA in conjunction with DCF and Dillinger Research and applied data
    - The data was analyzed by Dillinger Research and applied data who looked at benchmarks for both YSBs and JRBs
    - The benchmarks for YSBs were: Data collection and use, standards and guidelines, equity and inclusion, administrative core unit functions, identify match and access services, training and staffing, and community hubs
    - The benchmarks for JRBs were: training and staffing, individual plans, standards and guidelines, use of family engagement, equity and diversity, and data driven and restorative practices
    - Each organization was then given tiers to rate their performance in each benchmark, this data as well as State average was made available to the participants.
    - The goal of this data is to work towards better online data collection allowing for cooperation between agencies
    - Discussion regarding concern with length of survey leading to discussion of releasing a shorter follow up to use for data comparison
- JRB Pilot Project was given greenlight
- Report for JJPOC to include: Recidivism across state, Incarceration, Community Supervision, Diversion, and Racial and ethnic disparities
- The Federal Grant from the Office Juvenile Justice to work in 10 communities was discussed, it is coming to a close and there is a report and slides coming soon
- Subcommittee Updates
  - Incarceration Work Group:
    - Working on doing a data full check of system which will then be processed into a report
    - This report will layout legislative mandates
    - Discussion of focus on one goal of strategic plan: Limiting Youth Entry into the Justice System done by diversion and raising the age
    - Discussion regarding committees working together on goals in order to cover as much as reasonable

- Efforts to gather more support for reports via feedback and surveying those effected by legislation
- Truancy Work Group:
  - Permission form created at the beginning of the school year to prevent delay of referral of truant children
  - A video was created to explain truancy, the importance of school attendance, YSB information, and why it is important to keep children engaged
  - Discussion regarding the piloting of the permission form in Hartford Public Schools this year and translation of form to Spanish, Portuguese, Polish and Chinese
  - Discussion regarding uses for video
- Alternatives to arrest:
  - Discussion regarding next set of offenses for pre-arrest mandatory
  - aversion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense coming up in January, review of first set of offenses
  - CSSD gave data regarding specific charges
  - Plan to update report and add addendum was discussed
  - Working on making a uniform ticket book for cases where no arrest is made but diversion program required
- Raise the Age:
  - Working on pulling information regarding age, ethnicity, race, and reason for referrals
  - YBS data on supports/resources provided and outcomes for youths under the age of 14 also being pulled
  - Discussion regarding Michigan raising age and utilizing other state's data as support
- Next Steps
  - Dillinger is willing to do presentation on landscape analysis at next meeting if wanted
  - Landscape analysis will be released as a statewide report
  - Incarceration Work group will have report presentation in October
  - Provide Feedback on JJPOC report by September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Have committee heads meet to communicate efforts to avoid doubling up on singular effort

**Next Meeting:** 11/4/2022