

THIS MEETING DID CONTAIN A PRESENTATION – UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

JJPOC Diversion Workgroup

September 2nd, 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
 - The goal of this data is to work towards better online data collection allowing for cooperation between agencies
 - Discussion regarding concern with length of the survey lead 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
 - Truancy Work Group:
 - Permission form created at the beginning of the school year to prevent delay of referral of students with attendance issues
 - 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 diversion for 1st and 2nd 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 9th, 2022

Next Meeting: 11/4/2022