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## JJPOC Alternatives to Arrest Subgroup MEETING

AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022

### Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

#### THIS MEETING DOES CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

#### **Meeting Summary**

- 1. <u>This meeting began with a presentation by JBCSSD regarding data on Tier one and Tier</u> <u>two offenses from 2017-2022</u>
  - The data showed that a majority of cases that are referred to court come from offenses outside of tier one and tier two
    - According to the data tier one and tier two offense make up 20-30% of the court referral volume
  - It was shown that during the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a dip in the amount of breach of peace offenses cited but it is beginning to increase again
    - The main tier one and tier two offenses cited, according to the data, were disorderly conduct, breach of peace and larceny six
  - Discussion regarding looking at what cases are not accepted early on
    - These cases do not meet with the judiciary staff so there is not clear data but will look into movement in how cases are being handled
  - Discussion regarding looking into data regarding uniformity in courthouses across the state
    - Risk Based Decision making is being implemented which should reduce some discretion in courts
    - This method focuses more on risk rather than charge
    - A goal of this process is to create more uniformity in courts
  - Discussion regarding who has access to this data and how it is being used for decision making
    - Data is only looked at by organization but available to others upon request
    - This data is regularly reported to the JJPOC
    - Efforts are being made to make this data public via an equity dashboard
  - More information provided on case handling and demographics
    - Of court referred tier one and tier two cases: 15% are not accepted, 20% are discharged, 30% are not prosecuted, and 33% result in supervision
      - Special note that those that result in supervision may be from an additional charge in case that is not tier one or tier two



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- Higher percentages of non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic Black offenders
- 2/3 of noted offenders were male
- Want to look further into year-to-year breakdown in order to see trends as well as breakdowns by court and filter data more
- Question regarding 18+ data
  - This is due to backlogged cases that may have happened prior to the offender turning 18
- 2. Discussed diversion ticket book
  - Want to compile data on what happens if the diversion referral is unsuccessful
  - Want a draft of report prepared for November 4th diversion workgroup meeting

# Next Meeting: September 26th