

THIS MEETING CONTAINS A PRESENTATION
JJPOC ALTERNATIVES TO ARREST SUBGROUP MEETING
JUNE 20TH, 2024
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

DR. LISA SIMONE
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Meeting Summary:

- Review Pre-Arrest Diversion Recommendations
 - Plan is due July 1, 2024
 - Recommendation for Standardization of YSBs and JRBs
 - Comments, Questions, and Concerns
 - Clarification was requested regarding specifically what standardizing would mean and who would be responsible for implementing this standardization
 - Concern was raised around the plan not being established enough to be voting on today.
 - Specifically, this subgroup member was concerned that if the group moved ahead with legislation seemingly around a concept, any agency involved in the implementation of that plan would move without guidance.
 - There was also confusion around who would be responsible to develop the policy since this subgroup is currently legislated to sunset by November 1st, 2024.
 - Additionally, there was confusion around who had statutory oversight of the JRBs, and what strategies they could implement to force compliance with this plan.
 - DCF holds state funding for the YSBs and JRBs exist within the YSBs, although some YSBs and JRBs are

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- funded in other ways, but DCF does not have authority over either the YSBs or the JRBs
 - Legislatively, DCF has no power over the YSBs and JRBs
 - Another subgroup member suggested that out of the four recommendations in this plan, perhaps this is the one that the group should pursue legislative change instead of policy.
 - This member suggested that the group submits the plan and addresses what standardization will look like exactly in November.
 - Another subgroup member agreed that this plan needed legislation with a consequence for no compliance to strengthen the goal and establish accountability.
 - Another member noted that this legislation would need to include an accountability and evaluation piece as well as define ideal outcomes and measures of success. They also noted that this legislation would need to clearly outline who has the authority to mandate this plan, DCF or CSSD?
 - Another subgroup member expressed concerns that if these decisions about the program were not being made now, DCF wouldn't have enough time left in their fiscal year to accommodate for it.
 - Due to the controversy surrounding recommendation one, the group decided to block vote for recommendation one separately from recommendations 2-4.
 - Recommendation to develop a "State-wide Pre-Arrest Diversion Policy"
 - A subgroup member recommended that the aforementioned policy become apart of the Legislative Accreditation process, to ensure compliance.
 - It was also suggested that the group start by developing a policy, and then move toward a partnership with law enforcement to gain insight before pursuing legislation.
 - Ideally, recruits would receive this training as a part of their onboarding process, so the police could limit how many officers they would need to retrain due to conceptions and understandings of diversion prior to this training.
 - Recommendation to "Develop a Youth Diversion Training Curriculum"
 - One workgroup member asked for clarification regarding the length of this training as well as if the trainers would be certified in other subject matters and if this training would be offered in house on a reoccurring basis.
 - Another workgroup member recommended integrating the Youth and Police Engagement Training program and the Youth Diversion

- Training and including the Community Expertise Workgroup as a partner in this initiative
- Recommendation to Identify Youth and Police Engagement Training Programs
 - For this recommendation, the workgroup would like to look to diversion programs existing in other communities
 - There was also a recommendation to incorporate this program into school curriculums.
- Vote on Pre- Arrest Diversion Recommendations
 - As stated previously, due to opposing views of recommendation one, the subgroup voted on submitting recommendation 1, and submitting recommendations 2-4 individually.
 - Recommendation #1
 - 8 yays
 - 2 abstained
 - An abstaining party noted, “I have strong concerns about item 1 again pushing out the development of a plan to Nov. 1. Depending on that plan, and if legislative changes will be required to implement, DCF will be unable to issue RFP's, contracts and policies by the time the funding expires June 30, 2025. I will abstain on item 1.”
 - Recommendation #2, #3. #4
 - 10 yays
 - 0 Nays
 - 0 abstained
- The Diversion subgroup will hear these recommendations on June 25th, 2024

Next Meeting: July 25th, 2024, 10:00 am – 11:00 am