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## JJPOC Education Committee Monday, August 26, 2019 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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## **Meeting Summary**

- Subcommittee Updates
  - Infrastructure
    - Discussion on creating a new commission under SDE for this population
    - Discussion on oversight vs. main responsibility of provision of education
    - Discussion on possibility of USD1 having main responsibility and oversight being separate responsibility of SDE
    - Will look to contractual models to base these changes on
  - Reentry did not meet
  - Quality Control did not meet
- Timeline for the Committee's work and recommendations due in January
  - TYJI provided an overview of the 3 projects: Council of State Governments, Center for Children's Law and Policy, and consultant Peter Leone. These 3 projects have some overlap and TYJI is working towards coordinating efforts to reduce duplication of work. The CSG project is the most broad and therefore their recommendations will affect the other two consultants
  - Interim reports and plans may be presented to JJPOC in January 2020 but CSG will not fully complete their work until Spring 2020. This will allow for an implementation plan to be developed for legislation in 2021.
  - Peter Leone and CCLP will work closely together as their work with educational services of incarcerated youth and the rehousing of adult-charged youth, respectively, will go hand-in-hand
  - TYJI will help coordinate updates to both the Education Committee and Incarceration Work Group from both consultants so the members can voice their questions and concerns prior to any finalization
  - Peter Leone presenting to JJPOC in October. He needs to meet with the committee or representatives from each subgroup to prepare for presentation.
- Discussion
  - Discussion on transfer laws and specialized educational services
    - Importance of focusing on education continuity, especially for special education
  - Considerations of adult charged youth being house with non-adult charged youth

- Federal Funding Opportunities
  - Want to be sure that we are availing ourselves of all relevant federal funding opportunities
  - Some districts bill Medicaid for services provided in school but many find it too time consuming and tedious
  - Rep. Walker requested the committee look at possible Federal dollars
    - The committee inquired more information regarding this
- Next Steps
  - Education Committee members will send questions/concerns regarding the work of CCLP or Peter Leone to Rashanda and TYJI will coordinate communication on their next call with them (9/4/19)
  - TYJI will coordinate a Zoom meeting with representatives from the Education Committee (1 representative from each subgroup) to discuss with CCLP their questions and concerns prior to the next committee meeting (9/30/19)
  - TYJI will share CCLP scope of work with Committee
  - Next Meeting: September 30, 2019
    - Subgroups meet 1-2pm
    - Committee meet 2-3pm