



JJPOC Education Committee

November 25, 2019

2:00-3:00pm

William C. Graustein Memorial Fund, 2319 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

Meeting Summary:

- New Committee Co-Chair
 - It was announced that Education Committee Co-Chair Joshua Perry had to step down due to legal obligations in his current profession. Amy Vatner, J.D., Program Manager for Educational Support Services at Children's Community Programs of Connecticut, will replace Mr. Perry as the new Education Committee Co-Chair.
- Quality Control Subcommittee Update
 - The Quality Control Subcommittee met with the Infrastructure Subcommittee due to low attendance. Moving forward Quality Control will continue to meet and work directly with the Infrastructure meaning the two Subcommittees will consolidate their work.
- Reentry Subcommittee Update
 - Members of the Reentry Subcommittee expressed ongoing concerns over issues with technology at USD#1 and how access to the internet and other resources is crucial to the District's ability to provide the best services possible.
 - It was suggested that USD#1 could mirror the system that the Hartford Detention Center uses in regard to a restriction policy
 - It was also discussed that there should be a uniform system of state-wide electronic record transfers. An SDE central database does currently exist but there are concerns over funding, maintenance, oversight of data and confidentiality. Powerschool, an independent service, is used in about 80% of CT school districts. The Subcommittee will look into Massachusetts' model for funding a central database system.
 - The new system should mandate that a student's home district should offer the diploma if earned in an out-of-home placement
 - There should be established state-wide expectations for ensuring credit transfers/partial credit transfers
- Infrastructure Subcommittee Update
 - Members of the Infrastructure Subcommittee reviewed the pro/con chart that was developed for the 3 potential options under consideration: creation of a special school district, expansion of USD#1 or expansion of USD#2.
 - The members of the Subcommittee asked the full Committee for their opinion on the new district and their ability to contract with other state agencies/non-profits for provision of

educational services. It was agreed upon that the new district shall be able to contract out services as deemed appropriate.

- Next Steps
 - The request for information on funding of educational services for youth in DOC custody was made in September. The data received was broad and still needs to be filtered. Rep. Walker's office will make a request for information through the Office of Fiscal Analysis, including information on special education services.
 - The Subcommittees will meet one more time prior to the next Education Committee on December 10th. Draft language for recommendations will be the primary topic of discussion.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 @ The William C. Graustein Memorial Fund
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