



**JJPOC Education Committee
May 22nd, 2020
11:00AM-12:00PM
Zoom Conference Call**

Meeting Summary:

1. JJPOC Update

- JJPOC paused for the months of March and April due to the pandemic. The JJPOC meeting via Zoom on May 21st provided an update from various agencies, community-based providers, and police on the response plans for COVID-19. The Executive Committee also met in April.
- CSG IO Youth Initiative recently held their 4th Task Force meeting on May 13th. The focus was an analysis on the deep end of the system. Information from the meeting will be available on the CGA website shortly. While the contract with CSG ends in June, they will remain in collaboration with CT to formulate action plans with state agencies to implement their recommendations.

2. COVID Guidance Update

- Government waived 180 school day requirement and encouraged private schools to do the same. School districts were also encouraged to use the pass/fail option and have less formal meetings to discuss IEP's.
- State agencies are working on special education needs.
- There was a discussion on the equity and education to the extent of the money spent. Laptops were purchased and handed out to larger districts; whatever devices were handed out to students will be collected and redistributed with updates.
- School districts hold synchronized learning zoom calls at 9 AM to encourage face to face contact, however, are moving to a desynchronized learning with pre-recorded meetings. There is a need for the state to start collecting data due to truancy records. They are expecting more guidance to come out for how schools will operate for the Fall. Currently, there is little guidance from SDE and most of the decisions are made at the district level.

3. Discussion of Future 2020 Workgroup Plans

- Workgroups and subgroups have been changing their workplans due to the pandemic and the legislative session no longer occurring. For example, the Diversion workgroup will be focused on enhancing their recommendation to raise the minimum age by providing more details and planning. RED has started to focus on how minority communities are being affected with COVID-19.
 - Planning for and Enhancing JJPOC Recommendations
 - i. Currently, TYJI plans to coordinate with the Education committee co-chairs and DCF to plan for enhancing the recommendation of DCF providing oversight for educational services of juvenile justice involved youth.
 - Currently in the detention centers, packets are provided every week and scanned to the teachers to correct. Teachers are available to answer questions and starting May 26th and are also utilizing Zoom. There are two family advocates and a social worker that call every day to provide support. Gift cards distributed every week while maintaining CDC's guidelines. Teachers try to accommodate the IEP needs of the kids, determined by their grade level.
 - There were questions regarding grades, mental health, and the emotional impact of the new learning environment.
4. Meeting Schedule and Frequency
- Previously, the Education Committee met the last Monday of every month. The committee co-chairs decided to come back in July for a meeting every other month on the last Monday of the month.

Next Meeting- July 27, 2020 at 2PM