



## JJPOC Education Committee

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

2:00 PM- 3:30 PM

Zoom Conference Call

### Meeting Summary:

- IOYouth Task Force Update
  - The Task Force has approved the final CSG recommendations regarding diversion efforts, racial and ethnic disparities, and the facilities. The goal is to continue the work, focusing on action and implementation. There will be a smaller oversight committee responsible for ensuring what was approved is being implemented. The committee has not been formulated so names will still be collected and they are still trying to schedule a first meeting.  
The Council State Government will be attending the JJPOC meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> to present the recommendations as well as the next steps for implementation.
- Brief Update on Education Committee Recommendations
  - There is a meeting scheduled between DCF, CSSD, DOC, TYJI, and the Education Committee co-chairs to discuss how to best move forward with the Education Recommendation for DCF to provide administrative oversight of educational services for all juvenile justice youth in out-of-home placement. It was emphasized that this recommendation is focused on an administrative body providing oversight, rather than an expansion of the USD #2 district.
  - Although the legislative session did not happen this year, the committee will build upon the recommendation and to include more details on the planning process from the state agencies to prepare for the 2021 legislative session.
  - Questions to help guide these discussions that have been gathered by the state agencies and committee co-chairs. The Education Committee discussed adding additional questions and feedback.
- Update on Educational Services for Fall 2020
  - Superintendent Maria Pirro-Simmons from the Department of Corrections provided an update on their preparation for the new academic year.
    - All district staff are back in the facilities and schools preparing for the fall reopening which will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>; they will resume full time person instruction.
    - The State Department of Education require that school district submit a comprehensive reopening plan that includes 3 models; The first model will be for a full time in person instruction, the second a hybrid model, and the third will be a remote learning model. A reopening model was submitted on July 24<sup>th</sup>, but no feedback has been received.

- There will be no penalty for students who feel uncomfortable returning for in person school; schools are fully prepared to provide student with a remote learning option. Remote learning will include the same levels of support, options for check in include Zoom, GoToMeeting, or phone conference; there will also be provided WIFI hotspot for students. Tablets are being distributed by the state of CT; there was a deal secured Pre-COVID and school districts will also be providing laptops and different access to technology.
- Lilian Ijomah from the Hartford Juvenile Detention Center provided an update on the preparation for the new academic year.
  - Hartford Juvenile Detention Center just ended a summer program as a trial run and there were no issues. Masks are required and students will come back September 8<sup>th</sup>; the staff has started August 26<sup>th</sup> to go through several trainings and workshops.
  - There is already WIFI provided in the schools, Chromebooks will be provided to all of the students and additional hotspots as well due to the partnerships of CES just in case a student is in quarantine, they could still take the computer back to their room and stay connected with their classroom.

**Next Meeting:** September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00PM Location: Zoom