



**JJPOC Education Committee Meeting**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**2:00 PM-3:30 PM**  
**Zoom Conference Call**

**Meeting Summary:**

- The education committee received feedback from the executive committee in early January regarding the draft recommendations.
- 911/211 data collection
  - The committee's original proposal was that schools should be responsible for the data collection of 911/211 calls made by the schools. There was some pushback, however, and it was ultimately decided that there would now be 10 opportunity schools districts to run a pilot program to review 911 calls; these schools will be Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New Haven, East Haven, Derby, Norwich, New London, East Hartford, New Britain. This program is a short-term program to collect and review data to be able to on the calls being made by schools. The data is not only for the districts, but for TYJI as well to identify what data is being collected, by whom, why and what intervention strategies are being used before schools make the calls to 911. The education committee is looking to partner with TYJI and the center for analytics who would be in charge of the data and to help develop the MOU language.
- There was a brief discussion on SROs and the controversy among having law enforcement in schools.
- School Suspensions
  - On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Representative Porter will be meeting with stakeholders to discuss the feedback received from SDE regarding the suspension recommendation. At this meeting, they will discuss what revisions, if any, should be made to the language and TYJI will send the updated 2021 education recommendations to the education committee later this week.
- 2020 Education Committee Recommendations
- Vinny Russo of DCF presented the proposed revisions to the 2020 education recommendations. These revisions were minor and will be presented to the Executive Committee and JJPOC.
- Update on DCF Implementation Team
  - Deputy Commissioner Michael Williams provided a status update on the 2020 education recommendations establishing a implementation team. DCF wanted to make sure the implementation team consisted of people who are steeply involved in the education system in CT. Invitations were extended to: DCF (Michael Williams, Matt Folan, Vinny Russo), CSSD (Cathy Foley Geib), SDE (Desi Nesmith, John Frassinelli, Lisa Lamenza,

- Melissa Hickey), DOC (Veron Beaulieu), Education Committee (Amy Vatner, Rep. Robyn Porter), OPM (TBD), Public Schools (Verna Ruffin, Chris Leone).
- Lilian Ijomah volunteered on behalf of Hartford Juvenile Detention Center and DOMUS.
  - DCF is looking for a youth voice who is currently involved or has experience and who is an alumni of the system such as DCF or DOC. TYJI will coordinate with the Community Expertise Workgroup to select a youth and a community representative for the team.
  - The first implementation committee meeting will take place February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00-11:30 AM and will report back to this group moving.
  - Next Steps
    - After the education recommendations are presented to and voted on by the JJPOC, TYJI will be meeting with the cochairs of all of the workgroups around March and will be planning next steps. TYJI will also draft an annual workplan for 2021 and discuss updating the JJPOC strategic plan. We will provide the Education Committee an update and allow for feedback at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**