



JJPOC Suspension and Expulsion Workgroup MEETING

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2023

11:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Attendance

Amy Vatner	Jen Lussier	Robyn Porter	TYJI Staff
Andrew Feinstein	John Frassinelli	Steven Hernandez	Paul Klee
Fran Rabinowitz	Kathryn Meyer	Tony Gasper	
James Mandracchia	Kimberly Traverso	Robyn Porter	

Meeting Summary

1. Update on Suspension and Expulsion Recommendations

- Workgroup went over every change that was made to the recommendations for the JJPOC
- Workgroup discussed class size was discussed a lot specifically on who can make the changes. Ultimately the workgroup can make recommendations, but the districts decide on their own.
- Workgroup also discussed limitations on expulsion from K- 2nd grade and the definitions used as to what is acceptable for expulsion.
- Workgroup discussed continues work with expulsion recommendations and alternatives to mental health staff in schools.

2. HB 6018 and next steps

- TYJI expressed a possibility to bring in the Suspension and Expulsion workgroup s and fold it into the Education workgroup. TYJI reported that a researcher was hired to get best practices, focus groups, and more.
- Workgroup reported that they like the idea of being a part of the Education committee
- The workgroup suggested to listen to the other students in the class and see what solutions they can offer



3. Next steps with workgroup/workplan

- TYJI reported that they will conduct youth focus group by recruiting 13 to 17 years of age. Staff will be trained to be facilitators. TYJI continued to share the agencies where the population will be recruited and outlined on how they plan to conduct focus groups.
- TYJI asked feedback from Workgroup.
- Workgroup reported that they would like to hear from the younger age groups as well, since they are the ones struggling the most
- Workgroup asked what will be discussed in these focus groups. Workgroup asked TYJI to do some research on alternatives to therapeutic services in the schools and research on best practices not just on how to respond to bad behavior, but also to reduce bad behavior
- TYJI reported that there needs to be an amendment to the IRB approval to the University of New Haven. TYJI shared that they wanted to connect with the partners they have access to already. TYJI expressed that it could be more difficult to connect with the younger ages. TYJI reported that there is a plan and questions developed that can be shared to the Workgroup
- TYJI reported the groups they will be working with and asked The Workgroup to give suggestions of groups working on this and any other suggestions.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2022