



JJPOC Executive Committee Meeting Summary

February 22, 2019 1:30 –3:00 PM

Zoom Meeting - Online

Welcomes

The Executive Committee introduced several new co-chairs:

- Janeen Reid, co-chair of
- Derrick Gordon, co-chair of the RED Work Group
- Christine Rapillo, co-chair of the Incarceration Work Group

In addition, there was two additional Committee members welcomed:

- Marc Pelka, Undersecretary for Criminal Justice at the Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- Ken Mysogland, Department of Children and Families (DCF)

The meeting started off with a quick review of the Council of State Government (CSG) site visit and the potential next steps that would occur if Connecticut is to be selected to receive their help.

Justice Reinvestment

Lauren Ruth, from CT Voices for Children, presented ideas around justice reinvestment planning to the members of the Executive Committee. Some of the first steps include analyzing previous policy changes from 2010-2018 to determine not only what fiscal impact they had, but how did they effect the number of juveniles in the system and their quality of care.

The next part of the presentation involved how possible involvement from the CSG would fit into this planned work. Some of the ideas involved assessing the effectiveness of recent reforms, opportunities to find additional savings, and obtaining an outside perspective on what money our JJ system needs. There were some concerns voiced regarding the potential overlap of work between CSG and this analysis.

The group discussed some of the potential data that would be needed to complete this project. This includes the cost to run the secure facilities, cost per child at the facility, cost of education, cost to run probation and parole, total number of children, length of services/stay, changes in internal policies, etc. Data would need to be collected from DCF, CSSD, DOC and SDE.

JJPOC Research Studies – 2019

Dr. Danielle Cooper, from the TYJI, introduced her upcoming research proposals to the members of the Committee for some feedback. The studies involve topics such as truancy and other status offenses, mental health/trauma of youth on juvenile probation, diversion and early intervention, and the overlap of racial disparities with indicators of health, housing and education.



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There was some concern from the group surrounding the truancy/status offense study and the potential for the results to show that members of the community are in opposition to the upcoming reform. Dr. Cooper informed the group that she was still obtaining feedback and making adjustments to the studies and that the group would be notified when the proposals are set.

***Next Meeting: March, TBD**