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JJPOC Executive Committee December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 1:00 PM-2:30 PM Zoom Conference Call

## **Meeting Summary:**

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Greetings and Roll call was conducted at 1:06pm
- Presentation and Discussion on the Health, Housing, and Education Study by Dr. Danielle Cooper
  - Dr. Cooper discussed how the target population of her study is youth up to 24 years old but the current data is up to 17 years of age.
  - The data provides individual outcomes but we are trying to address the gaps, which incorporate explanations outside of the system. Dr. Cooper is seeking an extension on a MOA in order to remain data-informed.
  - Q&A session occurred
    - It was asked whether this data can be shared and worked on by the cross-agency sharing workgroup. Confidentiality issues were brought up and it was disclosed that there will always be confidential information because of FERPA and HIPPA laws.
    - Concerns were brought about how this study should be going through the data sharing workgroup. It was explained that Dr. Cooper has discussed this study with the data workgroup and co-chairs previously.
    - Dr. Cooper expressed the difficulty of contacting agencies and making headway without JJPOC executive committee support. Other studies mentioned that might be helpful to the HHES include the P20 Wind Project and the 500 Familiar Faces.
    - Another concern was brought about the statutory requirements of the creation of JJPOC. It was suggested that legislation be amended to extend the JJPOC age requirements because as of right now the JJPOC was created to address youth up to 17 years of age and this study goes further than that age limit.
- Discussion on New 2021 JJPOC Recommendations

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities Workgroup
  - The new recommendations are:
    - extending CGS Section 54-1m to include all police stops (traffic and pedestrian)
    - create legislation that removes School Resource Officers and other law enforcement officers from public schools
  - A historical context was provided for SROs, but there is evidence that CT SROs is associated with increased arrests for non-criminal youthful behavior and that there are biases/ racial profiling. Black students were 3x more likely to get arrested according to a 2019 study by CT Voices for Children.
  - What is the ask of the executive committee? : the first one is extending the racial profiling data being collected at police stops to include pedestrian stops. The second ask focuses on SROs. Removing SROs from educational institutions.
  - Does Central State University conduct data on these police stops? Yes. Additional data has been collected from other jurisdictions. The Central State University is on board with this changed and has already begun looking at their data collection form.
  - The first ask had no concerns and will be moved to the general JJPOC group
  - SROs may need to be redefined and not completely removed. Need to figure out the correct language and direction.
  - There were some reservations of the removal of SROs. The second recommendation will be reviewed at the next JJPOC executive committee meeting.
    - Removing the weapons and badge from these individuals and making it less disciplinary might speak volumes and be very powerful.
- Education Recommendations
  - First recommendation: data should be collected from schools on all 911 and 211 calls to increase transparency and accountability for district's utilization of police.
    - There has been a tremendous number of reporting for 211 calls and it has shown to be valuable. They are looking to extend this

to 911 calls. By requiring this data, the data collection may act as a deterrent.

- Next Steps
  - Provide clearer guidance on RED workgroup recommendations
  - More direction is needed on removing SROs
  - 2021 JJPOC Workgroup

Next Meeting- January 6th, 2021, 2020 at 1-2:30pm