



JJPOC Gender Responsiveness Workgroup MEETING

March 28, 2024

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Attendance

Christine Kendall	Christina Quaranta	Lillie Macias	Erin Williamson	Sara Eagan
Martha Stone	Sharmese Walcott	Krystal Rich	Chyann Higgs	Erica Nowakowski
Brittany Lamar				

Meeting Summary

1. Update on JJPOC 2024 Recommendations/Legislation

- TYJI member reported that House Bill 5508, related to JJPOC legislation, passed the Judiciary Committee and is moving forward in the legislative process.
- TYJI member reported that no specific edits have been made to the language regarding gender responsiveness work group recommendations.
- Workgroup members discussed potential overlap with other bills, such as one involving data collection by DCF.

2. Defining Gender Responsive

- Workgroup members discussed goals for the current meeting include defining the scope of work, particularly regarding the population and framework.
- Workgroup member suggested to involve young people in defining gender responsiveness and to provide education on transgender issues.
- Workgroup members expressed concerns raised about contentious discussions in public hearings regarding transgender issues.
- Workgroup member proposed to involve diversionary programs in the discussion and to clarify the understanding of programs at the street level.
- Workgroup member clarified that "juvenile justice involved" encompasses various levels of interaction with the justice system.
- Workgroup member discussed the need to specify the population within treatment homes, particularly those involved with juvenile justice
- Workgroup member mentioned potential overlap between data collection efforts in different bills, highlighting the need for coordination and collaboration



- Discussion on the need for gender-responsive services within various systems
- Workgroup member reported that there is an overlap between different systems and the need for alignment, particularly in DCF advisory committees
- Workgroup members suggested that goals be set for a framework to be made that will monitor the progress and transparency within DCF in behavioral health
- Workgroup members discussed a proposal for a subgroup in the DCF advisory committee to focus on star homes
- Workgroup member suggested broadening the scope of work beyond just juvenile justice to include all service providers and points of entry
- Workgroup member expressed the importance of a trauma-based lens in understanding youth experiences and needs

3. Discussion of What Type of Municipal/ Statewide TIP Data should be Collected and Reported on

- Workgroup member discussed challenges in collecting data on trauma and trafficking within the juvenile justice system
- Workgroup members proposed to start data collection by directly asking youth about their experiences
- Workgroup member reported that CSSD has created a gender-responsive worker advisory group to provide necessary information.
 - Workgroup reported that they have had one meeting so far and are awaiting input on what information the group needs.
- Workgroup member reported that there may be a time delay in fulfilling data requests, but they are willing to provide the data once specifics are clarified.
- Workgroup member emphasized the urgency of the situation, highlighting issues like truancy and fighting among girls, especially those of color, entering the justice system.
- Workgroup member recalled past efforts and emphasized the need for urgent action and a clear focus on intervention strategies.
- The meeting concludes with plans for circulating a draft document for feedback and compiling a list of requested data points.

Next Meeting: May 23rd, 2024