

THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION

JJPOC Gender Responsiveness Workgroup

July 25, 2024

2:00PM-3:00PM

Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

Krystal Rich

Beth Hamilton

Christine Kendall

Rep. Jillian Gilchrest

Sharmese Walcott

Martha Stone

Tammy Sneed

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Yvette Young

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Erika

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Meeting Summary:

• **Special Gender Responsiveness Meeting Update**

- Aim to increase communication between partners, state agencies, and groups
- There are going to be conversations between DFC and Kim Selvaggi to discuss a QA framework and small conversations between DCF and OCA regarding learning opportunities
- Information has been sent over to folks at DCF regarding a task force to support adolescents in group homes, but the committee has not heard back yet
- Background information about the task force:
 - Two members of the committee are hosting a pilot regional task force that's creating a more comprehensive response to child and adult trafficking
 - The offered to have their advocates and task force staff work with some of the adolescents that have been identified as at risk or have some confirmed trafficking concerns to identify ways these adolescents can be supported and what trends may be present
 - Trying to get in the system earlier on by reviewing the trends in the referrals

- Uses DCF records, use information from community member or parent that referred the adolescent, and whatever documentation they have
 - One member of the committee adds that there has been an ongoing conversation with DCF about kids with complex needs and the service needs and gaps that arise from those situations
 - Another member discusses the current conversation with DCF, DDS, and OPM around servicing kids with IDD in a timely way. There is also recognition of the systems gaps by state level workers who are working on recommendations to address those gaps before the budget options being due
 - This conversation will be expanded on in the following day's meeting to discuss using wrap around funds available
- **TIP Municipal Police Reporting Update**
 - A form of 9 questions is sent out to municipal police and police chiefs are asked to respond. Over the past 3 years, responses to the form have seen a steady decline
 - Often, the form is sent to the chief and the chief assigns it to a training officer to collect data at the department
 - The form is reported on every year
 - After discussing feasibility of the form with police chiefs, it was suggested that the form could be revamped as a PDF file
 - Also have seen a high level of variability across responses as they are all open-ended
 - Legislation is attached to this process and requires two hours of training for police departments on human trafficking, which was originally one every year, but has since become every 3 years
 - A member of the workgroup explains that this move to 3 years has occurred because it has become difficult and expensive for police departments to get all members of the department together for an in-person training
 - Questions and discussion:
 - Suggestions for more clarification around the questions
 - Specifics on how data regarding participation is reported whether it is number of participates, type of participation, what participation looks like
 - Suggested to have an easy to fill out document
 - It is noted that there is a ack of classification in the CAD RMS Next Gen system. This may be something the workgroup could consult with the Trafficking in Person Council on.

- A federal bill is in the works that is focused on this level of reporting, indicating a fiscal note for \$1,000,000 to every state to begin this reporting, which may be able to be done through NextGen reporting
 - Suggestion to includes questions around what the training has clarified for the staff and how they may find themselves operationalizing and identifying a trafficking case using the training skills
- **Workgroup Data Requests Discussion/ Review**
 - Aiming to collect statewide data to analyze gaps in services, treatment, care, or response
 - Questioning the range of ages to look at, whether the minimum should be 10 and if the maximum should go from 18 to 21 or 24 years old
 - A member suggests that the data is collected from the beginning to the end, starting with discipline at the school system level to the different points in the juvenile justice system
 - It was also suggested that the data should account for race and ethnicity
 - A member suggests that, instead of looking across the whole state, to focus on the few places that most cases are coming from and break it down either by court jurisdiction or by city
 - Another member raises concern regarding the lack of discussion around the victimization of these girls and if it is possible to account for those referred to the MDTs and were system involved
 - This member continued to advocate for the understanding of girls' histories as it relates to victimization
 - It is also suggested that the group looks at where arrest charges occur versus where the young people reside
- **Wrap-Up**
 - Any members that haven't already, continue to send additional feedback
 - A member raises a point that the biennial budget is due in September and presents an opportunity to get specific requests

Next Meeting: August 22, 2024

