

THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION

JJPOC Gender Responsiveness Workgroup

November 7th, 2024

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

Beth Hamilton

Christine Kendall

Chyann Higgs

Erin Williamson

Hunter Clark

Jillian Gilchrest

Krystal Rich

Martha Stone

Sarah Eagan

Sharmese Walcott

Sukhmani Singh

Tammy Sneed

TYJI Staff

Andrew Zhebrak

Brittany LaMarr

Erika Nowakowski

Meeting Objectives:

The November 7th, 2024, Gender Responsiveness Workgroup meeting consisted of a legislative and workgroup recommendations review.

Meeting Summary:

- Review of Legislative and Workgroup Recommendations
 - The recommendations previously proposed for either legislation or the Gender Responsive Workgroup were discussed.
 - There are concerns regarding the second recommendation because it requires for training to occur before employment, but there are staff shortages in the related professions and therefore the training delays would be negatively impacting both existing staff and involved youth.
 - A proposition to change the training to be completed within the first six months was widely supported by the workgroup members.
 - Language changes were made to the second recommendation.
 - “Foster care” was removed, “DMST” was changed to “child sex trafficking,” and JBCSSD was added to the list of trainers.

- Clarification regarding the safety aspect of the third recommendation was given, stating that this recommendation is specific to staff and youth safety specifically.
 - Members of the workgroup want to hear from the youth specifically as well.
 - Methods of engaging with these youth will be developed during the 2025 work plan to ensure the process is not rushed and executed appropriately.
- Changes were made to the requests for DCF as part of the fourth recommendation.
 - These requests are for data regarding the youth to measure the number of children placed in the quarter, including demographic information and number of admissions; the average, range, and median length of stay; critical incidents; recommended vs actual discharge settings; and AWOLs.
 - An addition was made to include the number of youths who cumulatively stay longer than 60 days in the last year.
- Next Steps
 - The remaining three recommendations will be reviewed and discussed at the following workgroup meeting.

Next Meeting: November 14th, 2024

