



**MYI/YCI Subgroup Meeting
JJPOC Incarceration Work Group
September 5, 2019
11:00-12:30**

CSSD, 455 Winding Brook Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Meeting Summary:

- The purpose of this subgroup was reviewed by TYJI. The subgroup will work alongside CCLP to assist in their tasks of providing options for housing and programmatic alternatives to youth in DOC custody. The vetting process of this task, as well as the timeline of goals, were reviewed. Jason provided an overview of the scope of work and work plan and its development through the Incarceration Work Group. CCLP took into consideration the various requests made by Incarceration Work Group members and will continue to do so.
- An overview of CCLP's current status was provided, as well as a schedule of their meetings/focus groups that were held on August 14th and 21st and their future visit to CT September 12-13th. CCLP thanked everyone thus far for the time taken to meet with them. There were questions asked regarding future meetings and visits that have not been happened yet and TYJI ensured the group that they are doing their best to coordinate their schedule and will continue to do so. CCLP plans to visit CT again and TYJI will ensure they meet with all important parties in person or over the phone prior to the completion of this project. CCLP explained that the MYI and YCI youth were not on the August or September schedule and they would prefer a third party hold a focus group based on the template they provided in order to incorporate youth feedback into their project. TYJI will coordinate a third party to conduct these focus groups.
- CCLP provided an overview of the national trends and potential implications for CT and discussed the details of specific states, such as Maine. Maine has a juvenile justice division under their DOC to provide more youth-specific programming.
- CCLP provided their preliminary thoughts regarding options for this project based on the conversations they had thus far as well as the national trends. They emphasized the fact that this population is very small and the number of kids in MYI and YCI continue to decrease overtime. CCLP explained their task as looking into both the physical housing and the programmatic/services aspects. The current ideas being discussed are:
 1. Creating a juvenile justice division within DOC that would allow for more freedom and supports
 2. Giving the Judicial Branch some or all of the population at hand
 3. Creating an Executive Branch responsible for this population, similar to Massachusetts
- There was discussion on the pros and cons of these ideas. CCLP recognized the effort MYI staff is putting toward their program but also understands the challenges and limitations they may currently have. CCLP emphasized that it was unusual for a Judicial Branch to provide overview

of post-adjudicated youth. CCLP also noted that although creating an Executive Branch may be costly, it can create a more efficient system in the long run.

- There was emphasis on the need to look at the scope of work more specifically in order to focus on the work, the components of the work, and then the structure of the physical building.
- There was an emphasis on the need to be realistic on financial costs, human costs, and implementation costs. It was brought up that the state has been through some big changes very quickly and we need to ensure the voice of the community (youth, parents, etc.) are heard. CCLP will meet with OPM regarding the fiscal analysis and budgetary implications.
- YCI also emphasized the importance of being included in these meetings since this work will affect their youth as well. TYJI will follow up with YCI to coordinate a separate meeting and bring them up to speed on JJPOC and the various projects.
- There was discussion on the data that was requested by CCLP and the status of the data received. This data may not be sufficient and will be complemented by gathering additional qualitative information.
- Next Steps
 - CCLP will gather more information on Maine and their specifics around finances, unionization, transitions, aftercare, community-based programming, and more. CCLP will provide “homework” to the group to review ahead of the meetings in order to save time.
 - One option/model/idea will be reviewed at each meeting to discuss the details, application to CT, and the pros/cons.
 - DOC will gather questions from the Commissioner ahead of time so CCLP can review and prepare.
 - OCA will connect with CCLP in order to ensure there is no duplication of work and how they can be a support.
 - CCLP and Peter Leone are working together to ensure there is no duplication of efforts between the two projects.
 - The next meeting will be held on September 16th in lieu of the Incarceration Work Group meeting. It is scheduled for DOC Comm. Rollin Cook to attend this meeting date.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2019