



JJPOC Incarceration Work Group

November 19, 2019

1:00-2:30pm

CSSD Central Office, 455 Winding Brook Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Meeting Summary:

- Update from MYI/YCI Subgroup
 - The Workgroup was informed that CCLP has continued their work in conjunction with the MYI/YCI subgroup. This subgroup presented and discussed various options for housing and programmatic alternatives for youth under 18 in DOC custody.
 - Since then, CCLP provided a preliminary presentation to the JJPOC Executive Committee on 11/6/19. This same presentation was provided to the Incarceration Workgroup members for discussion today.
- Discussion
 - During the overview of CCLP's PowerPoint, the Workgroup discussed the bill's implementation date of July 1, 2021. It was discussed that this date is subject to be pushed back upon recommendation by the JJPOC if needed.
 - The Workgroup discussed the importance of narrowing the options down to have access to cost options for the top recommendations. CCLP has previously stated they will be working with a third party to provide these cost options. It was pointed out that a more in-depth analysis of potential cost savings and efficiencies would be brought forth at a later time.
 - It was noted that Oregon and Massachusetts recidivism data is measured differently than Connecticut and would not support an accurate comparison to Connecticut.
 - The Workgroup unanimously decided to eliminate Option 4, co-location of operations between DOC and CSSD, from future consideration. The two agencies agree it is unrealistic given their vastly different policies, procedures, etc.
 - There was discussion on "creating" versus "designating" an Executive-Branch Agency proposed in Option 3.
 - TYJI will follow up with CCLP to clarify the wording have it be consistent throughout all documents moving forward.
 - There was concern regarding the process of re-entry for youth moving between this Executive Agency and probation services under CSSD.
 - CSSD noted that the continuum chart did not take into account contracts that CSSD currently has for probation-specific youth.
 - There was discussion regarding the capacity needs of the new system for the population, as well as feedback provided to clarify the number of beds needed by July 1, 2021.

- The Workgroup discussed the importance of accurate race data in the presentation.
 - CCLP is working with DOC to have some race data available for the 11/21/19 JJPOC meeting as well as collect more to provide for future use.
 - DOC clarified that the race data may not accurately reflect the population due to the collection methods. As of 11/18/19, there are currently 4 white youth at MYI.
- Next Steps
 - TYJI will relay the Workgroup's feedback and suggestions to CCLP
 - TYJI will send out a revised version of the JJPOC presentation to the Workgroup prior to the JJPOC meeting. CCLP will present to the JJPOC on 11/21/19 and continue to work with the Incarceration Workgroup until June 2020.
 - The group will continue to work towards consensus where possible. The Workgroup will consider what can be accomplished short-term vs. long-term when making potential recommendations.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 16th, 2019 1:00 – 2:30pm
Location TBD