



JJPOC Incarceration Work Group

December 13, 2019

10:00am-11:30am

Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave Hartford, CT 06106

Meeting Summary:

- Discussion on Possible JJPOC Recommendations
 - The workgroup reviewed draft language provided by CCLP on the options for work group recommendations. Jason from CCLP provided an overview of each recommendation for the group to discuss further.
 - Transfer Laws
 - In regard to the transfer laws, it was mentioned that potential language was being drafted by Atty. Rapillo but is not in a position to be disclosed at this time. TYJI and Atty. Rapillo will be in communication prior to the January JJPOC meeting.
 - Second look provision:
 - There was discussion on the purpose and intent of the “second look” provision.
 - Some clarification was discussed about whether there was a need for two relooks (one at the halfway point and the other prior to transfer) or one prior to their 18th birthday. The group agreed that only one relook is needed which would be prior to the juvenile moving to a correctional facility
 - It was addressed that these changes might take 3-5 years, it is not a quick process
 - It was emphasized that collaboration among multiple agencies was needed. These potential recommendations should not fall into the hands of one agency
 - Recommendation 2(a):
 - It was explained that this draft recommendation is consistent with the best practices of other jurisdictions
 - There was concern expressed on how youth would be removed from DOC. It was suggested that youth be removed from facilities that “also house adults”.
 - There was concern expressed on trying to use systems that have already been there instead of creating a new system entirely and working from scratch. There were some members expressed support for CCLP’s recommendation, however, there was a larger consensus that building another agency should not be considered as an option at this time. It was noted that we should make the preexisting agencies more efficient and ensure that people who are in charge of

the incarcerated juveniles are equipped to take care of them. It was recognized that there are some structural challenges associated with making the current system better compared to creating a whole new system.

- **Next Steps:**
 - It was suggested that the group gather more information, particularly on other state models, such as Massachusetts and Oregon.
 - It was suggested that DCF's attendance be ensured for future work group meetings.
 - The work group needs to discuss a future timeline for moving forward with this work.
 - TYJI will revise the language of draft recommendations that received general group consensus in preparation for the JJPOC Executive Committee meeting on December 16th.
 - Atty. Rapillo will continue working on draft language for transfer law recommendations to bring forth to the group in the near future.
 - Martha Stone would like to bring forth an additional recommendation for the group to consider, which will be drafted and presented at the next Incarceration Work Group, prior to the January JJPOC meeting.
- **Next Meeting:** Monday, January 13th, 2019; 10:00am at the Legislative Office Building