



**JJPOC Incarceration Workgroup  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Zoom Conference Call**

## Meeting Summary:

- Review of Incarceration Workgroup Recommendations:
  - All of the Incarceration recommendations that were proposed in January/February 2020 were approved and will be resubmitted in the JJPOC package in 2021 as is. These recommendations focused on transfers, a “second look” provision, record erasure, and telecommunication services. All due dates in the 2020 recommendations will be pushed out one year. The previous approved Incarceration workgroup recommendations will be compiled into one document and sent out to the workgroup as a reminder.
- Discussion on New Potential Recommendations:
  - OCA provided a brief overview of the most recent report and the recommendations.
    - Create an obligation to ensure the agencies are developing practices to consult DCF around room confinement, program and suicide prevention, and reporting those to the JJPOC.
    - Monthly report to JJPOC of the use of restraints and chemical agents from DOC concerning suicide. There were concerns expressed regarding the existing number of reporting requirements. There was a suggestion made that, instead of statutory provisions, the JJPOC can have some responsibility for these monthly reports to be discussed.
    - Review the implementation of independent ombudsperson services in all facilities where juveniles are incarcerated.
    - The state should ensure consultation with pediatric infectious disease/ mental health while state agencies manage youth in congregate care to have appropriate standards for infection control to maximize youth access to developmentally appropriate living conditions while ensuring public precautions.
    - Providing free phone calls for youth.
    - JJPOC should include conditions for the older youth that may consist of up to age 25, specifically with confinement conditions to extend.
    - Ban the use of chemical agents for minors wherever they are incarcerated, which is youth under 18
  - If we remove chemical agents, we have to replace that technique with a strategy to find a new best practice for staff and the population. Recommend the Executive Committee, and the effective date would be January 2022 for DOC to develop an alternative.
- Brief Update on DOC/CSSD subgroup focused on Improving Wraparound and Discharge Planning:

- DOC and CSSD created 2 separate subgroups that provided a platform for advocates to ask questions on current policies and procedures, as well as provide feedback. Both subgroups have next steps to follow up on. There were no further questions or comments.
- A tribute was made to Mr. Francis Carino, who is retiring at the end of December 2020. The workgroup acknowledged the success of his career and contributions to JJPOC.
- Next Steps:
  - There was a brief overview of the JJPOC process and timeline:
  - The Incarceration workgroup will be moving the time of their meetings to 1:00-2:30 PM.

**Next Meeting-** February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 1:00 PM