

HENRY C. LEE COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSIC SCIENCES



#### JJPOC Incarceration Workgroup MEETING

FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

### Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

#### THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

#### **Meeting Summary**

### 1. JJPOC Recommendation Updates

- Recommendations for the JJPOC from the incarceration workgroup that were passed include commissary recommendations for the Department of Corrections (DOC) to submit a Commissary Implementation Plan to the JJPOC no later than July 1, 2023 and to implement the plan no later than November 1, 2023.
- OCA Conditions of Confinement report release will be delayed. Originally planned to be released April 1, 2023.
- Brief discussion surrounding 16 and 17-year old youth who are convicted of motor vehicle theft and if they should be prosecuted as adults. The Workgroup chose to table this discussion as recommendations to the JJPOC pertaining to this issue could not be made at this time due to time restrictions.

### 2. Workplan Approval

- Clarification was made regarding what was stated in the workplan pertaining to the DOC report on commissary. The report is due July 1, 2023.
  - Three members of the incarceration workgroup volunteered to be added to the Commissary Subgroup.
  - The Workgroup decided to have a draft of the Commissary Implementation Plan submitted to the Incarceration Workgroup by April 17, 2023.
- There was discussion surrounding the targeted review of existing system array of services for youth in the criminal legal system. While diversion has been marginally successful, there are still a subset of youth within the juvenile justice system who have complex needs. The programs that are currently in place do not seem to be effective in reducing recidivism for this group and ideas on how to broach this gap were discussed. The Workgroup chose to attempt to hear from a small group of youth on how to address these issues to incorporate their ideas into the decision-making process.



HENRY C. LEE COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSIC SCIENCES



## 3. DOC Monthly Chemical Agent Report

- While there have been multiple fights reported per week, there has been only one usage of chemical agents which took place in December 2022.
  - In an attempt to gain insight into possible successful interventions, questions were raised about why there were no reported use of chemical agents in January and February. This was due to limited movement because of high COVID numbers.
- Some discussion surrounding additional supports that could be implemented to aid in continuing to reduce the number of fights and use of chemical agents took place. An increase in volunteer efforts and programs to occupy incarcerated youths time were offered as viable options.

# Next Meeting: April 17, 2023