



JJPOC Incarceration Workgroup MEETING

JUNE 26TH, 2023

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary

1. Announcements

- Public Act 22-188 was passed. Significant portion of language proposed from this workgroup was kept with some alterations.
 - Automatic pre-arrest aversion was amended.
 - Section 2 was included which pertains to expansion of the JJPOC.
 - Specifies that committee members will identify members for the Incarceration Workgroup and the Community Expertise Workgroup (CEW).
 - Section 3, pertaining to the reentry success plan, which this group worked on, calls for CSSD and the commissioners of the DOE and DCF to develop the plan by November, 2023 and submit report of the plan by January, 2024.
 - This work will be in consultation with this workgroup, CEW, and Education Workgroup.
- Financial support for the Commissary Plan has been approved, but was not included in the public act.

2. Reentry Subgroup Update

- During the four-hour meeting earlier this month, the subgroup broke out into smaller brainstorming groups to begin drafting components of the reentry plan.
 - Small group discussions included front-loading reentry and conducting hand-offs for young men to the services they require within their communities.

3. Commissary Subgroup Update

- Discussion surrounding how to address the needs of youth with learning disabilities and mental health disabilities took place. Meeting are set to take place with the mental health and education departments within the DOC to determine how the commissary plan can meet their needs.



4. DOC May Chemical Agent Report

- One usage of chemical agents reported for the month of May. Chemical agent was utilized to stop an altercation involving three juveniles and two adults.

5. Annual Conditions of Confinement Report

- Brief discussion was had about the new education unit and how their integration has been.
 - The processes, roles, and responsibilities of the Reintegration Mentors are still being worked out.
 - Vocational programs and the ways in which academic credits can be obtained by youth are being explored.
- There was some discussion surrounding the rise in detainment numbers in youth and how they are increasing to roughly pre-COVID levels from around 2019.
 - Some speculation was raised that this could be due, in part, to the lack of access to services for youth as well as the staffing shortages within these organizations that provide services to youth which create long wait lists. Youth who could have received services if they were not on a wait list instead have behaviors that begin to escalate which results in detention.
- A question was raised asking about the intersection of the new Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Oversight Committee (TCB) and the JJPOC. There is overlap between children who are involved in the justice system and who also have developmental disabilities or mental health concerns.
 - Conversation surrounding how these two committees can communicate and share data and information, rather than duplicating efforts, was had with the prospect of having the RED dashboard being a possible solution where data that is applicable to both committees can be stored and accessed effectively.
- A discussion around the lack of services for young women in confinement was had and the possibility of creating a subgroup to focus specifically on issues they face was raised with a focus on educating and developing appropriate and trauma informed responses.
 - Utilizing the new TCB committee and working with other subgroups to assess ways to meet the needs of young women as well as young men was discussed.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2023