

## **THIS MEETING DID CONTAIN A PRESENTATION – DISCUSSION AND UPDATES**

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August 15, 2022

1:00pm-2:30pm

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

### **Meeting Summary:**

- Introductions
- Update of Juvenile Probation Pilot Projects
  - Key components for the Risk-based Case Handling Pilot
    - Expedited Electronic Police Referrals
    - Diversion Eligibility and Case Handling Decisions Based on Needs of Reoffending and Behavioral Health Needs
    - Diversion Low-risk Youth from Formal System Involvement
    - Family Engagement
    - Restorative Justice
    - Case Management and Targeted Services
  - Overview:
    - Pilot Sites are located at Bridgeport, Hartford, Rockville, and Stamford Probation
    - Phase 1 (Planning):
      - CSG Technical Assistance and literature review
      - Legal and policy review
      - Academia Consultation
      - Workgroup Formation
      - Focus groups with court personnel, community providers, and Juvenile Probation Staff
    - Phase 2 (Development):
      - Stakeholder Engagement
      - Derivative risk assessment development and testing (PrediCT-s)
      - Focus Groups to inform protocol
      - Decision tree planning
      - Technology enhancements
      - Practice Book Enhancements
    - Phase 3 (Implementation):
      - Protocol implementation
      - Stakeholder training
      - Data collection
      - Standing court personnel and Probation meetings
      - Protocol Adjustments

- Phase 4 (Support):
    - Pilot site check ins
    - Data analysis
    - Quality assurance
  - Phase 5 (Next Steps):
    - Policy and practice development
    - Statewide Stakeholder meetings
    - Statewide Implementation
    - Ongoing quality assurance and data sharing
- Beginning January 1, 2023, Juvenile Probation will screen all police referrals with the exception of violent felonies and active probation cases.
- Concerns were expressed regarding quality assurance of the diversion mechanism and protocol with the Department of Children and Families to analyze recidivism.
- It was asked if there had been an uptick in police utilizing Expedited Electronic Police Referrals due to previous reluctance to do so.
- Between January 2, 2022, and August 10, 2022, overall, 40% of referrals underwent the Risk-Based Case Handling process at the four locations where this has been implemented.
- Data was shown regarding re-arrest rates 90 days out from screening.
  - For clients ages 15 and younger that were recommended for diversion, 97.7% had not been re-arrested. For clients ages 15 and younger that were recommended for non-judicial handling, 83.33% were not re-arrested.
  - For clients ages 16 and older that were recommended for diversion, 93.58% had not been re-arrested. For clients ages 16 and older that were recommended for non-judicial handling, 65.22% were not re-arrested
- Key Components for the Child and Family Partnerships Pilot
  - Juvenile Probation Family Engagement Guiding Principles
  - Family Mapping at Pretrial
  - Child Family Conferences (CFCs) using Restorative Circles
  - Independent Facilitator-led Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTMs) to Reduce Technical Violations and TICs
  - Discharge Planning
  - Child and Family Feedback After Discharge
- Overview
  - Pilot Sites located in New Britain and Waterford Juvenile Probation
  - Phase 1 (Planning):
    - CSG Technical Assistance
    - Literature Review
    - Workgroup Formation
    - Consultation with national family engagement experts
    - Focus Groups with youth and former court involved families
  - Phase 2 (Development):
    - Stakeholder Engagement

- Practice guide development
  - Creation of feedback and quality assurance forms
  - CSG Consultation
- Phase 3 (Implementation):
  - Juvenile Probation and Provider Training
  - Child Family Conferences (CFCs) and Child Family Team Meetings (CFTMs)
  - Pilot site check ins
  - Protocol adjustments
  - Data Collection
- Phase 4 (Support):
  - Quality Assurance
  - Data Analysis
- Phase 5 (Next Steps):
  - Policy and practice development
  - Statewide stakeholder meetings
  - Statewide implementation
  - Ongoing quality assurance and data sharing
- Family Planning to be implemented early in the process to develop a support system for the client.
- Between the two sites they have handled 11 non-judicial cases, 56 judicial cases, 29 family mappings, 6 child family conferences, and 12 Child and Family Team Partnership Meetings.
- Family feedback collected after discharge indicates that the Probation officer assisted the family and client with understanding the dynamics and processes.

#### End Discussion:

- Members were asked to review the workgroup timeline and prioritize what work the group will be doing in the next year.