

THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION

Conditions of Confinement Subgroup

4/2

2:00-3:00

Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

Tammy Ngyuen O'Dowd Heather Panceria
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Martha Stone
Jeff Davis
Catherine Foley Geib
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Meeting Objectives:

The meeting objectives of the 4.2.2025 Conditions of Confinement Meeting were to establish the deliverables, purpose, workplan, and timeline of the newly created Conditions of Confinement Subgroup. Additionally, the group focused on reviewing documents pertaining to reporting requirements for DOC and CSSD, and metrics for OCA.

Meeting Summary:

1) Review of the OCA Conditions of Confinement Report

- DOC and CSSD are annually required to report to JJPOC regarding prone restraint, suicidal behaviors, chemical agent use, education, mental health services, and solitary confinement.
 - The content in the OCA Conditions of Confinement Report isn't statutorily defined, and is typically more detailed than DOC and CSSD, as it is released once every two years
- Discussion regarding Spreadsheet regarding reporting requirements for DOC and CSSD to see if everything in statute is present.
 - Excel Spreadsheet is missing the quantity of arrests in the facility. 46b-121n(p).
 - Excel Spreadsheet is missing recidivism data (also 46b-121n(p).)

- A question is raised on if there was a request for DOC or CSSD, would the data exist elsewhere, or would there be a necessity in collecting new data?
 - CSSD releases an annual report on the categories listed in the spreadsheet to the JJPOC.
 - CSSD collects monthly data of 8 different categories and releases it to OCA. While the reported data is like the JJPOC, the data OCA mandates is more detailed than the JJPOC data and focuses on tracking individual instances rather than presenting an aggregate metric.
 - DOC sends data over to OCA monthly, and reports on it at Incarceration Workgroup Meetings, in addition to an annual report at the JJPOC. There's a discussion that is raised regarding frequency and level of detail in reporting DOC collected data to the Incarceration Workgroup.
- Question on if there a need to address new data points, such as tracking the quantity of family engagements, outcomes when using contracted providers, better tracking for the population at York.
 - The latter is supposed to be the work of the Gender Responsiveness Subgroup and Reentry Subgroup, so it's not applicable to the work of this subgroup.
- Discussion about sharing CSSD and DOC Reports from 2024 in the June meeting, so there could be deliberation in synthesizing the metrics and spotting reporting gaps.
 - There is a substantive agreement to focus on topic this in the next subgroup meeting

2) Reviewal of the Conditions of Confinement Workplan

- The key goals of the workplan are to increase reporting requirements to JJPOC, enhance JJPOC oversight and monitoring of youth facilities, develop a comprehensive chemical agent and restraint reporting form, and review the availability of education programs, including special education services, in partnership with the education work group.
 - Question is raised from DOC about reviewal of MYI's adherence to DOJ's settlement. DOC may not have the data requested by the DOJ settlements, and DOJ is requesting a conversation regarding this with senior leadership.
 - Response – The settlement is supposed to address prior gaps within conditions of confinement at MYI and then reported out to the Incarceration Workgroup meeting. The report and settlement are

- public, and part of the settlement that all necessary services were provided, and from the bi-monthly meeting, it seems as if it is.
- Brief comment on sharing DOJ report for next meeting. It's not necessary that MYI and DOC report on DOJ criteria in the next meeting, as it is currently addressed by the other reporting standards from OCA
 - A question is raised on if it is possible to provide recommendations from Subgroup, example given about parental visitation data.
 - Response – Yes, it would operate as a standard subgroup and provide recommendations that would be developed through cross agency discussion and collaboration.
 - A question is raised on whether the Education section of the workplan is already covered by the DCF-JJEU Unit, and if it's better to have them report their results out to the subgroup, since CSSD and DOC don't have access to educational records or contract with educational providers.
 - Response – It would be prudent to invite them to the meeting we'll be discussing educational access, as they're already collecting the data. When we meet with them, we prepare the data points we'll task them to report on.
 - Response – DCF-JJEU is aware of the work of this group, and we are directly reaching out to them for their engagement and attendance.
 - A question is raised on speaking with youth to review facility conditions. There are groups engaged in this work (CCA, CTJA, directly appointed Ombudsman from CSSD), that could provide data on individual grievances and types of grievances from youth in facilities, and why not connect with them?
 - Response – There is a benefit to adding our additional perspective in understanding youth needs. We are not duplicating efforts but rather using their reported information to better direct our resources and attention. Additionally, we could foster dialogue with youth in the facilities and take their direct feedback.
 - A question is raised regarding the goals and purpose of holding a meeting in MYI, YCI, REGIONS.
 - Response – there's value in directly interacting with the system you are developing recommendations and working in. It also helps the youth in these facilities feel heard.
 - A follow-up question is asked about potentially limiting the size of the group visiting the facility, so instead of a full group, it would be a focus group dedicated to a specific issue.
 - A question is raised regarding workforce development for youth housed in facilities.

- Response – this is not something that could be addressed today. This is a planning meeting.
- Response – At the larger Incarceration Workgroup, there was a development effort for the Re-Entry Success Plan, and employment was a substantial aspect of that. There are current recommendations in place that are currently being tracked. Whenever that information is available, it'll be accessible through the Incarceration Workgroup.
- A question is raised regarding the frequency at which children's facilities. with 504 plans and IEP plans that are getting assessed.
 - Response – That is a conversation with DCF-JJEU
- Brief discussion regarding the content of the next meeting, with the current idea to prioritize reviewing the DOC and CSSD reports, and the development of a to document chemical agent use. Information will be disseminated between one to two weeks prior to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6/4

