

**THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION**

**Conditions of Confinement Subgroup**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Web Based Meeting- Zoom**

**Attendance**

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**Meeting Objectives:**

This meeting centered on reviewing and discussing proposed changes to the workplan, including updates to the DOC/JBCSSD reporting template on chemical agents and restraints. The group also considered scheduling facility visits for October as outlined in item iv of the workplan. Additionally, participants revisited previously distributed annual reports from DOC, JBCSSD, and OCA to identify and discuss potential additions relevant to item ii of the workplan.

**Meeting Summary:**

**1) Updates to Reporting Template for Chemical Agents and Prone Restraints**

- There are several goals for the Conditions of Confinement Subgroup, including developing a standardized template for the chemical agent reports from CSSD and DOC. The report under review today from DOC is more expansive in scope than prior versions, as there are now 16 columns to detail information.
- The next goal the group addressed focused on expanding the review of conditions of confinement data beyond what is available to the JJPOC. Currently, the data available to the JJPOC includes instances of suicidal and self harming behaviors, use of forces, use of physical isolation, educational mental health concerns. Within these categories, the group would additionally report in the incidents of arrests, presented by DOC and CSSD to JJPOC and OCA.
  - These reports were received by the group, and the additional data points would be added both DOC's and CSSD's reporting.
  - There is a question regarding the inclusion of discharge counselors and weekend counselors, on what specific data would be spotlighted regarding their services, what additional information would be introduced regarding physical activity reports, and further details about the quantity of out of cell time per youth.

- Utilization of isolation is currently reported, but direct programming scheduling has not been asked.
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- 2) Discussion Regarding previously programming distributed in annual reports from DOC, JBCSSD, and OCA.
- There is a suggestion on identifying the individual elements in the workplan and reporting them out, completed in the first month, so it would be available at the annual report.
    - OCA currently reviews programming information and categorizes it qualitatively. The information is obtained from monthly data-file recording activities regarding youth mental health. The quantity of services is well-documented, but there's an issue with obtaining data on the qualitative aspect of the services, as well as how they are structured.
      - The Conditions of Confinement Subgroup is interested in identifying if these services are mandated as pre-condition for a young person's release, or whether they are standardized practice across both sentenced and unsentenced populations.
        - Youth cannot be forced to participate in these activities, so unsentenced youth are not necessarily compelled to engage with them.
  - There is a comment explaining that the reports try to identify what children are doing on a daily basis, what groups are offered, what are the rates of participation for these groups. The speaker identifies that there is an issue with a lack of a centralized database collecting this information, thus obfuscating their efforts on reporting this information. The speaker is interested in finding a more consistent and comprehensive understanding of the data, and easier to review on a frequent basis.
  - Part of the DOJ Settlement with MYI requires that youth access developmentally appropriate programming. This necessitates the development of a compliance framework for the facility.
    - There is a master program scheduled for activities, and individual attendance is documented. The facility recently implemented a monitoring framework for currently residing youth. This is all documented through an Excel Spreadsheet system.
      - There is a comment identifying that while the data is available, it is not immediately accessible and requires effort to parse through and document the specific service for youth clinical programs.

- There is a comment about the introduction of new programs in MYI, and their effectiveness, and the necessity to document service demand.
- There is a comment about the accuracy of data available in RT reports, on if it is actually reflective of the activities at MYI, as it is not as robust as the health record .
  - There is a response noting that there is an effort to track cancellations and missed sessions.
- There is a question regarding tracking capabilities and framework for youth serving facilities
  - That information is available, and then the child is identified as pre-adjudatory or REGIONS in state center, and the reports go to OCA. The questions from the workplan should be answered from the workplan.
  - The report goes to OCA.

### 3) DOJ Settlement with DOC

- There is a need to maintain privacy for information, through there is an expectation for an update in August pertaining to progress monitoring, on what is currently available. There is a plan to discuss it prior to October's Incarceration meeting. Once the information is available, it will be displayed on the agency's website. At that point anyone could view it.
- There is a question on if it is possible to report about discharge planning, on when would it occur, who would be involved in the process, and what domains are looked at in REGIONS Centers. This is feasible. It would be helpful to analyze short term Reentry data such as Connection to Care, looking at samples from DOC and REGIONS, and tracking how quickly youth are connected to schools and services.
  - This is being addressed in a review specifically related to the Re-entry Success Plan. All the youth from REGIONS should be in contact with a community provider, pro social activity, and school by the time they leave.
  - There is a discussion about potentially spotlighting several kids in the next Incarceration regarding their discharge plan, relative to what occurred with their service access.
- There is a question regarding discharge outlets during the pretrial process.
  - CSSD has information regarding probationary referrals to providers, when youth access contracted providers, as well on if the referral was made out of network.

### 4) Increase JJPOC evaluations of youth facing facilities like MYI and York

- There are plans to review and discuss facility policies and conditions by visiting facilities and speaking with youth and staff.

- MYI leadership welcomes potential visitations and programmatic evaluation. Interested members can participate in hearings, meetings, and visitations. There are currently plans to schedule this in October.
  - There is a comment regarding ensuring that this meeting is specially planned for youth engagement and expectations during the visit.
  - There is a comment regarding visiting YCI, though there is a stipulation that there are typically few youths in the facility.
- There is a question raised regarding additional data from the Ombudsman Report, ACA accreditation data report, and Development Services Group, on if their recommendations were implemented, and their frequency
  - These reports vary in scope and frequency, ranging between bi-weekly and monthly observations, and accreditation standard are every 3 years.
  - NCHCC and Priya are supposed to report for the next year. Last year was the ACA report.
  - The DSG Report focused on the court process for dispositional placement, re-entry, probation, and community services.
  - The Ombudsman Reports visit once every two weeks and meets with new additional youth in facilities.

**Next Meeting: N/A**

