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THIS MEETING DID CONTAIN A PRESENTATION
JJPOC Reentry Subgroup Meeting
July 2, 2024
1:00-2:00pm
Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance   **TYJI Staff**
Katie Durand   Talia Nunez   Amy Marracino   Brittany LaMarr
Kristen Mongillo   Mariso Morello   Nancy DeCrescenzo
Cathy Foley Geib   Patricia Nunez   Talitha Coggins
Martha Stone   Sarah Eagan   Will Seals
Tammy Perreault   Lili Elkins

Meeting Summary:

- **Creating a Quality Assurance Framework Presentation by ROCA**
    - ROCA is a violence intervention and behavior change program designed for the highest risk young people between 17-24 years old who are most likely to shoot or be shot
    - A theory of change is an organizations' approach to creating social change by considering the population the organization aims to impact and what that impact may be
    - The details include the target population, intended outcomes, codified activities, indicators, measurement tools, and uses of data
    - Ensure data tracking is accessible and the services at hand will be direct impacts and relevant
    - When providers collect and provide data, that should be returned to the provider once analysis and learning occurs
    - Presentation shared an example of a logic model – a young men's model for ROCA
        - Encourages detailed tracking of interactions with youth, rather than just referencing outcomes
        - Evaluation showed that meeting with youth 2-3 times a week worked the best for this program, whereas other programs found the most contact possible worked best or less contact was better
        - Found that the goal of this program is to get youth to think before they act
        - Evaluations showed kids are reaching better outcomes when talking about daily occurrences including discussion of emotions

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and connecting them to the skills, rather than just learning the skills
- o Evaluations able to build coaching tools based off performance metrics, has also established management framework and operational frameworks for the program
- **Questions and Discussion**
  - o One member of the subgroup questioned what the steps are during the first 18 months when waiting for the outcomes and results to build off of later on
    - ▪ The presenter responded that other details are tracked, including those under the activities and performance indicator columns in the Logic Model
      - How many times the young person is met with, how many times the young person is engaging in the curriculum, what skills are being developed, and if there has been a rearrest
  - o Another member how a quality assurance process may be ruled into the framework
    - ▪ The presenter responded that an evaluation and learning team is there to oversee the quality assurance work
    - ▪ The quality assurance work was designed to follow the model rather than developing something minimal and broad
    - ▪ Staff track all of their contacts with young people to collect their efforts to outcomes made to follow the model
    - ▪ Accessible dashboards can display priority outcomes, lists of goals, lists of young people that are doing well and those that are lacking contact
  - o A member added two questions: whether there is family involvement in tracking and once the rearrest occurs, what happens after that
    - ▪ In regard to family involvement, most of the young people do not have great relationships with their families so those do not get involved
    - ▪ Where there are family relationships, the program includes those and tries to teach CBTskills to these families and has a family specialist that ensures basic needs are met
    - ▪ For those that get rearrested, they have up to six months for a release to continue working with the program. For those that are sentenced for longer than six months, they may be terminated from the caseload because the behavior change window is restarted. For those that are older and with longer sentences,

they may age out of the program. Those reentering past 25 will not be reenrolled to the program.

- **Continuation of recommendations for the Reentry Success Plan: Education Recommendations**
    - o For any agencies noted in the plan, any blank spaces are asked to be completed by August 1st
    - o For CSSD action item ESS #4, the exact dollar amount is in the works of being added to the plan
    - o No August meeting, the recommendation spreadsheet to be completed in August so the completed sheet can be reviewed during September meeting

Next Meeting: September 2024