

**THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION**

**Reentry Subgroup**

**9/3/2024**

**1:00-2:00**

**Web Based Meeting- Zoom**

**Attendance**

Patricia Nunez

Tina Mitchell

Lauren Pelzner

Sarah Eagan

Christina Quaranta

Amy Marracino

Neika Thompson

Nancy DeCrescenzo

Michael Moravecek

Heriberto Cajigas

Talia Nunez

Indre Fishman

Catherine Foley Geib

Marisa Morello

Michael Pierce

Tammy Perreault

Glen Worthy

John Tarka

**TYJI Staff**

Brittany Lamar

**Meeting Objectives:** To review fiscal notes from DCF-JJEU and TCB.

One is to review the fiscal notes from education recommendations and the other is to review any mental health, substance abuse disorder sections of the reentry plan and what potential fiscal notes will be then.

**Meeting Summary:**

- Educational Recommendations from DCF-JJEU
  - Item 1: The CSDE will partner with the DCF-JJEU to establish relationships and communication between facilities, providers, transition specialists, JBCSSD, DOC and school district reentry coordinators to support joint training, enhanced communication and timely transfer of records
    - No additional funding needed at this time
  - Item 2: The DCF JJEU will convene a meeting with the facility education provider, the school district, and the JBCSSD, DOC, or contracted program within 30 days
    - No additional funding needed at this time
  - Item 3: As soon as a student's legal guardian and school district have agreed upon to which school the student will return, the student's school district will be updated every other week
    - No additional finding needed at this time

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- Item 4: DCF JJEU will organize a reentry circle for a returning student prior to the first day back at school to provide wrap around support inclusion
  - It tends to take two or three smaller meetings to really touch on our, our key pillars of the reentry work, which is making sure the student doesn't return to their previous school with any level of negative stigmatization
  - No additional funding needed at this time
  - There is a discussion of whether there are two reentry circles that both encompass the student's school and CSSD facility, and if that is beneficial for the student.
- Item 5: JBCSSD will ensure that students have access to contracted programs through Educational Support Services for legal representation and advocacy as needed
  - Requesting 173,000\$ in funding to add additional Educational Advocates to Manson Youth Institution.
- Item 6: The DCF-JJEU will assist in coordinating reintegration support and check-ins for 90 days once the student is placed back into the receiving school.
  - No additional funding needed
- Item 7: The DCF-JJEU will coordinate with school districts to ensure that education credits earned in the facility are applied to the student's transcripts at the school district.
  - No additional funding required
- Item 8: The DCF-JJEU will place greater attention on students released to alternative schools and large urban high schools, with emphasis on weekly monitoring of absenteeism and any interventions put in place to address attendance issues.
  - Flex funds to ensure that students will have access to transportation.
- Item 9: The school district will coordinate with the DCF-JJEU to ensure essential educational services for any student on house arrest following their stay in a facility or who experiences environmental challenges that create barriers to them returning to school.
  - No additional funding required
- Item 10: The DCF-JJEU will assist the student's parents regarding connections to continue their own education if so desired.
  - No additional funding required
- Mental Health Funding Requirements
  - Item 1: The DOC facility or contracted program will connect youth the mental and behavioral health providers as needed prior to youth's release. When deemed appropriate by the facility or contracted program, a young person may see a provider in the community
    - No additional funding required.
  - Item 2: DOC, JBCSSD, DSS will work together to expand transition and reentry care services through the Medicaid 115 Waiver application and implementation process.

- No additional funding required
- Item 3: JBCSSD, DOC, and DSS will explore the possibility of developing a rate for treatment providers to meet current clients in pretrial incarceration or detention in order to continue treatment while child is awaiting trial or in detention.
  - No additional funding required
  - Additional information needed for Medicaid 115 waiver
- Item 4: DCF will work with mental health providers to identify and provide access to use, substance treatment and recovery support.
  - No additional funding required at this point
  - Funding may be potentially necessary to expand DBT access in addition to training staff and developing a quality assurance network.

**Next Meeting: 10/1/2024**

