

**THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION**

**Reentry Workgroup**

**10/16**

**9:00-10:00 AM**

**Web Based Meeting- Zoom**

**Attendance**

Patricia Nunez  
Talia Nunez  
Nancy Decrescenzo  
Indre Fishman  
Christa Rider  
Heriberto Cajigas  
Catherine Foley Geib  
Tasha Hunt  
Martha Stone  
Tammy Perreault

**TYJI Staff**

Donna Pfrommer  
Brittany Lamar  
Andrew Zhebrak  
Paul Klee

**Meeting Objectives:**

The primary purpose of this meeting was to provide updates on the fiscal note, discuss the prioritization of funding for the reentry success plan, and to identify what the highest priorities are to the JJPOC.

**Meeting Summary:**

- Prioritization of funding and updates to fiscal note
  - OPM's fiscal note includes hiring an additional associate research analyst who would collect all data and QA frameworks from all state agencies to maintain data sharing framework.
    - This would also outline what is necessary to develop a public facing dashboard, such as the requisite costs of for staffing, data processing technology, and software development.
  - JB-CSSD's fiscal note is similar from the prior year, when legislation was put forward to expand the credible mentorship program.
    - Some of the prioritizations of the transition support program are the reentry wallet portfolio, flex funds for visits, housing assistance, transport, and basic needs, and VR Goggles at DOC.
    - JBCSSD and DOC will establish 5 positions jointly with DOL for lead planning analysts in connecting justice involved youth with workforce development boards.

- To cover basic needs, there'll be proposed flex funds, of which some include rental payments.
- In a joint effort with DMV, JBCSSD and DOC will administer a program that includes the issuance of driving permits, state ID's, and license prep training.
  - Discussion about what the Medicaid Waiver will cover for youth within JBCSSD facilities, and if this will extend to youth in DOC
- The fiscal note for Education is 90k to an ESS Contract to cover discharging MYI Youth
- There was a substantial request from DCF in covering MSTMDFT therapies, expanding service coverage and limiting potential service gaps.
  - Another Substantial Request from DCF and DMHAS for creating a Contingency Management Intervention Plan
  - Funding Ranges between 31-51 million, and while no legislators have given feedback, the number is likely too high.
  - There is some potential that federal grants from OJJDP, and the 115 waivers may provide additional support, although neither are open yet.
  - Discussion on whether this part of the note is outside of the boundaries of juvenile
    - Some of it extends into children's behavioral health and identifies gaps in service deliveries.
    - If there are gaps in service delivery, expanding service coverage could alleviate waiting times and ensure that youth are seen earlier.
- Discussion about priorities and what items are the most vital for the upcoming JJPOC meeting
  - Targeting vocational funding is really important in order to assist youth reintegration. It is cheaper than some of the other options, and could provide great return on investment
    - This would entail greater access to career training, certificates, and expanded employment opportunities.
  - A safe housing program is something else worth considering, as it would grant youth the ability to enter new communities.
  - The credible messenger program was also mentioned and there are several funding options, with the differences in cost contingency and the quantity of kids targeted.
    - There was a discussion on targeting option E, since it'll establish a credible mentorship program with high-risk youth early (starting in REGIONS and DOC facilities). 3 million is a reasonable number for that.

- Someone else emphasized development family supports, under DCF, clinical services, MDMST that would continue work that was ongoing at REGIONS. (6-month plan that would broadly cover transport, food, shelter, and other base needs)
- The TCB is also developing recommendations that may cover some of the Mental Health note.
  - There is some coordination involved, as 119k commission, TCB, and JJPOC are targeting the same funds. This will be discussed in further detail in the next JJPOC meeting
- There's a discussion about prioritizing building infrastructure rather than expanding reach of services that would assist the longer-term outlook.

**Next Meeting: TBD**

