



JJPOC R.E.D. Work Group

September 11, 2019

9:00-10:30am

The Consultation Center @ Yale, 389 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

Meeting Summary:

- Discussion on Resources Provided by CCLP
 - Jason from CCLP discussed the resources that were distributed to the members ahead of time via email.
 - The Michigan report looked at future impacts of arrest on juveniles, recidivism, and RED's at the front end of the system. It was noted that similar to Connecticut, Michigan was experiencing a shrinking JJ system, but higher RED.
 - The California Health Report looked at LA County's new pre-arrest diversion programs. LAPD has become a model for early diversion. Rather than take a Restorative Justice approach, LA Country utilizes a Public Health approach.
 - The Model Diversion Agreement is a template that can be used by various jurisdictions. It provides a structure and baseline for what early diversion should look like and what juveniles should be entitled to, regardless of where they live. Diversion agreements should avoid things that would limit the number of juveniles from access to these early diversionary programs.

There was a discussion on the resources provided, including funding of LA County's program, and if it is possible and/or beneficial to combine a Restorative Justice and Public Health approach to diversion. The group also discussed their beliefs on where CT currently stands in diverting youth and how the decision-making process often varies from town to town. It was also addressed that many needs of juveniles are not the typical criminogenic needs and relate to poverty, although socioeconomic status isn't the only reason for delinquency. There was also a discussion on how to track police contact and decisions to divert youth and the importance of that data.
- Review of Judicial Data
 - Peter Kochol from CSSD presented a data set to the work group that looked at juvenile court referrals, handling decisions, and judicial/non-judicial dispositions. These were broken down by year, crime (misdemeanor or felony), city of residence, and race. One of the disparities that the group noticed was that Black/African American youth were referred to court at an earlier age than the White youth.
- TYJI has been in communication with state agencies and ensured DCF representation moving forward.
- Next Steps

- TYJI will provide a comprehensive list of YSBs/JRBs and their protocols and board representation to the Work Group for future discussion.
- Jason is going to send out materials on King County (Seattle) for the Group's review.
- TYJI will send out all of the CSSD charts that were presented on today.
- TYJI will coordinate a meeting between the RED and Diversion co-chairs to ensure a coordinated effort

Next Meeting: October 9, 2019 @ The Village for Children and Families