

**THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION – UPDATES AND  
DISCUSSION**

**JJPOC RED Workgroup**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Virtual Meeting – ZOOM**

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

- Brief introductions of meeting participants/attendees
- **Meeting agenda overview:**
  - JRB Pilot Discussion
  - Overview of RED work: Martha Stone
- **JRB Pilot Discussion:**
  - DCF tasked with creating a pilot consisting of statewide JRB objectives
    - Goal is to establish “core set of practices”
    - Connected with CYSA during development of pilot
  - Currently working with **seven** different sites; specifically selected for variety
    - Waterbury
    - New Haven
    - Naugatuck
    - Bridgeport
    - Hartford
    - Norwich
    - Wethersfield
  - Advisory group consisting of many different professionals within the field
  - Pilot places an emphasis on parent and youth involvement
  - Strong focus on following the restorative practices model within the JRB Pilot
  - Implementation Phase: changes/amendments discussed will be put into practice
    - All seven sites will implement these changes
    - Data will be collected regarding the pilot’s success
  - Implementation is projected to begin by January/February 2023
    - Depends on funding; 6-month phase
  - Community background and systems perspective is important due to variables due to city/town environment
  - Concern of whether the pilot addresses racial and ethnic disparities
  - Hope to focus on bridging harm reduction and recidivism together
  - Focuses on RJ approach but also allows for focus on behavioral interventions
  - Specific data that is being collected has not been determined yet
  - Confusion of how CSD is obtaining individualized data
  - Why aren’t names being given to DCF?

- Conflict over confidentiality
  - Schools differ from court systems
- Many researchers have been told they cannot release identifiable youth data
  - All data is deidentified; even for DCF
  - CSDE is the only agency to have identified data
- New project to put data into an online platform is in the works
- What is working and for whom?
  - Use a RED lens to examine this
- Issue of who is getting approved and sent to the JRB
  - Waterbury did away with misdemeanors being sent to JRB; causes issues for black and brown kids in the city
- **Martha Stone – RED Work Overview:**
  - Waterbury is an outlier due to lack of cooperation from the police
  - Waterbury sees a lot of juvenile arrests and cases in the juvenile court
  - Identified 4 gaps in service:
    - Waitlist for MST & MDFT
    - Youth do not receive proper skill training for jobs
    - Chronic absenteeism services are not adequate
    - Lack of formal mediation & diversionary programs
  - Identified 3 limitations on the data:
    - Lack of research on educational data for New Haven
    - Lack of recidivism data from the JRB
    - Crossover of youth with DCF and JJ system
  - Mediation services exist in Bridgeport; not other cities
    - Private funding allows for these services to exist
  - Discussion of seeking funding for mediation services from the OJJDP
  - Concern about the lack of presence of New Haven district at the local RED meetings
- **December JJPOC meeting date changed to 12/6/2022**