



JJPOC RED Workgroup MEETING

March 15th, 2023

9:00 am- 10:30 am

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

- Reminder timeline for 2024 Recommendations has moved up: Draft recommendations due by September/October 2023. Voting happening possibly by November 2023 but definitely by December 2023.
- Asking for an amendment to include IOYouth, people with lived experience, and members of the JJPOC to receive a review of youth leaving MYI. Currently only the Judicial Department receives these reviews.
- The workgroup discussed the language used in this amendment. The workgroup determined they will use language from the original bill, with some modifications to make it more inclusive.
- The workgroup discussed the implementation date for motor vehicle stops. There were concerns that the date was coming up too soon and the police departments would not be able to modify their data collection in time. An implementation date in January 2024 would make more logistical sense.
- JJPOC bill HB6888 is up for public hearing. Began this morning. It was mentioned that public hearing testimony can still be submitted.
- Workgroup discussed the raise the age of criminal responsibility section and if it ended up making the bill. It was stated that it had not made the bill nor was a presentation able to be made to the committee.

2. Joanne Deleon- LISTS and Their Function

- LIST is an independent community-based entity. Improvements in system collaboration and service delivery are LISTS main areas of focus. LIST also aims to raise community awareness about the needs of children and youth served by the Juvenile Justice System.
- LIST's Strategic Plan is to prevent children and youth from involvement in the Juvenile Justice System and to offer reconstructive intervention strategies for those involved in the juvenile Justice System.



- LIST serves as a knowledge-center about what local resources are available for at-risk and court-involved youth and their families. To achieve this goal, LIST aimed at directing youth to intervention and support programs. These programs included: mental health services, substance abuse programs, mentorship, educational/vocational opportunities, working to reduce crime, improve community safety and reduce recidivism.
- LIST is represented in 12 court locations. The primary composition of individuals represented in these locations include family and parents, children/youth groups and their representatives, Court Support Services Division, the Department of Children and Families and Youth Services Bureaus.
- Outcomes that LIST worked towards included encouraging collaborative efforts among local stakeholders, decreasing the number of children and youth referred to courts, addressing the disproportionate minority contacts and improving access to services among others.
- In 2022, LIST worked with many towns/cities including Bridgeport, Danbury, Waterbury, Hartford, Middletown and Farmington/New Britain to provide trainings for working relationships between police and schools, facilitate adult and youth discussions on Juvenile Justice reform, and provide substance abuse and special education training.
- There was discussion from the workgroup about how families are included in these programs. Outreach from program leaders and word of mouth were the predominant ways that this information was conveyed.
- Questions around LIST's efforts to reduce crime were raised by the workgroup. Collaborating with law enforcement to help strategize about interventions that could be used were the main ways LIST attempted to reduce crime.
- LIST was asked if there is a system for checking in on LIST and their work on a regular basis. While there is not a comprehensive system in place, there are quarterly meetings to allow all of the lead project coordinators to meet and update each other. This information can be provided upon request but is not publicly available.
- The workgroup discussed the difficulties of all the state municipalities working independently and how any effort for reform can fall short because of this. Regional cooperation was recommended to help combat this issue to ensure all YSB's and JRB's are effective across all municipalities.

3. Equity Dashboard Update

- The Equity Dashboard began as a recommendation from Connecticut's Improving Outcome for Youth Initiative (IOYouth). The goal was to assess whether recent juvenile justice system reforms have been implemented as intended and if they have had the expected impact.



- The equity Dashboard was expected to launch in Spring 2023, second measure launch expected around April-May 2023, third measure around July-August 2023 and fourth measure launch around October-November 2023. Site expansion to include additional measures would continue on through 2024.
- The Equity Dashboard is in between its Alpha and Beta stage where the site is running but not completely updated with all metrics. Total delinquent referrals can be displayed by year, region, race/ethnicity and gender. Future updates will include metrics on non-judicial handling, disposition of first-time felony and detention.
- The site has not been launched yet due to a distortion of data by a tool that was utilized to ensure privacy for regions where there are a small number of delinquent referrals. This data distortion is affecting roughly 30-40 towns. To solve this issue, a one, three, and five-year aggregate data visualization tool is being implemented to avoid identifying youth who have been referred.
- There was discussion surrounding the ways in which the data is represented and being mindful of not misrepresenting the number of referrals there are per region, per year.

4. CCA Update

- CCA update has been postponed until next month's meeting.

5. CCLP Update

- CCLP update has been postponed until next month's meeting.

6. Next Steps

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Next Meeting: May 17, 2023