



JJPOC RED Workgroup MEETING

May 17th, 2023

9:00 am- 10:30 am

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

2. Dr. Cooper – TYJI Research Assessment of Front-End Diversion in 10 Connecticut Cities

- Discussed the “Achieving Positive Youth Outcomes for Safer and Healthier Communities” grant that was awarded in 2018 but delayed due to the pandemic.
- 10 Cities with highest disproportionate minority contact in 2018:
- Waterbury, Stamford, Norwalk, New London, New Haven, New Britain, Hamden, Hartford, East Hartford, Bridgeport.
- Discussed how in 2017 and 2018, 41% of youth involved with JRB were Black.
- Talked about a new data collection method to help alleviate issues with data collection across regions.
- 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.

3. CCLP Update

- Discussed a few key areas where CCLP support could be most helpful.
 - Provide support to RED Workgroup, work with OPM to create a user guide for the Equity Dashboard, and work on a project based around diversion.
- Discussed the toolkit designed to enhance jurisdictions understanding of pre-arrest diversionary tactics with a focus on equity.
- Talked about Iowa's Department of Human Rights work to create a web-based data system to collect pre-arrest diversion data.
 - Data indicates Black youth are benefitting from these diversionary tactics.

4. Equity Dashboard Update

- Talked about adding the "first time felony disposition" measure that is to be added soon and that the Dashboard will be updated quarterly.
- Workgroup proposed making the quarterly updates to the Equity Dashboard a part of the agenda to be talked about to ensure nothing is being forgotten about.
- Workgroup discussed future measures that could be added to the Dashboard following the first four measures. There are future plans to add further measures.

5. CCA Update

- No update

6. Next Steps

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