



## JJPOC RED WORKGROUP MEETING

JULY 19, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

**THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES**

### Meeting Summary

#### 1. Introduction

#### 2. 2023 Legislative Update

- Recommendations made were passed in two bills. The first being Bill 6888, which became Public Act 23188 Section 1 regarding pre-arrest diversion which came through the diversion work group alternatives to arrest subgroup. The plan set for diversion needs to be complete by January 1, 2024. The implementation team shall develop a plan for automatic pre-arrest diversion for children to community-based diversion systems in lieu of arrest for second, first and or second offenses, simple trespass, larceny and 6 breaches, and in creating public disturbance.
- Section 2 includes the expansion of JJPOC membership. Now there will be a process in which young people under the age of 26, with lived experience will become appointed voting numbers of JJPOC. Additionally, one community member or a family member with a child in the system, involvement, or a credible messenger or lived experience can be a voting member. Furthermore, expanding membership to the Mashantucket Pequot and the Mohican tribe.
- Section 3 includes the reentry success plan which identifies State agencies to work with the reentry subgroup. in this sort of mirrors.
- Section 4, Public Act 23188 regards Judicial branch's implementation plan to transition all children, under the age of 18, from the care and custody of DOC into the care and custody of the judicial branch.
- The remaining recommendations that came out of the Suspension and Expulsion subgroup of the Education Workgroup went through Public Act 23167. State Department of Education (SDE) is identified as the one mainly conducting much of the recommendations that were put forth. This Act is in regards of a local and regional Board of Education, who have been identified to have higher disproportionate rates of in school suspensions or out of school suspensions and expulsions. They will have to present SDE with a plan or strategy on how they will rectify or improve this disproportion.



- The next pieces in Section 82 of that bill are that the Connecticut school discipline collaborative will develop guidance as it relates to reduce out of school suspensions and expulsions in grades pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to provide evidenced based, and developmentally appropriate definitions and examples of conduct that is violent or sexual in nature.
- The last section is that the Department of Education would provide the Board of Education a list of recommended suicide risk assessment.

### 3. Equity Dashboard Update

- Discussion of the high number of Black youths arrested in New Haven.
- Will communicate with other commissions to collaborate on this work.

### 4. CCLP Update

- Contract will expire at the end of September, however there is work to have an extension for the rest of the year.
- Can provide information of what jurisdictions are not aware of the disparities in youth arrest in New Haven.
- Will provide support on diversion programs.
- Will provide a diversion toolkit to enhance diversion in different jurisdictions including other states.
- Reentry pl

### 5. CCA Update

- Waterbury RED raised the issues of school-based arrest, and the police department will have their SRO's trained in restorative justice. CSSD agreed and School partners also agreed to be a part of the training which will happen on August 15.

### 6. Next Steps

- Next meeting will be in September
- Workgroup members are to look at the equity dashboard and come up ways in which it could be used.

**Next Meeting: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**