

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

September 21st, 2017 Legislative Office Building 2pm Room 2C

Progress Report



- JJPOC Proposed Legislation
- DCF RFP on Community Based Intervention as Alternative to CJTS
- Vera Institute Report on Status Offenders
 - "Just Kids: When Misbehaving is a Crime"
- The October 19th JJPOC Meeting
 - Update on JJPOC Annual Strategic Goals
 - Update of the RBA Report
 - IMRP Recidivism Parole Study
- Continued work on JJPOC Strategic Planning



Diversion Work Group Update

7/20/2017



Diversion Work Group Update

- Screening Tool for Youth Service Bureau
- Status Report
 - School-based diversion plan
- Truancy subgroup
 - Referral form and Guidance document
 - Catalog of Truancy Intervention Models
- Communication and Implementation Strategy
 - Trainings for district and school staff
 - Communication to districts
 - Youth Service Bureau and LIST presentations
 - Additional trainings and presentations



Diversion Work Group Update

- Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism
 - Definitions
 - Connection between the Chronic Absenteeism Prevention and Intervention Guide and the Catalog of Truancy Intervention Models
 - Why attendance matters
 - What schools are doing to support regular attendance



JJPOC Studies

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Update on TYJI Studies for JJPOC

- CT Juvenile Correctional Facilities: A study of youth in confinement (Phase I)
- State-funded Privately Operated Congregate Care: A Study of the Network of Residential Programs for Juvenile Offenders (Phase II)
- Pre- and Post-Assessment of Community-Based Programs and Recidivism Outcomes
- National Survey of Truancy Intervention Models
- Video Review of Use of Restraint in State-run Facilities
- Interviews with Youth Detained or Committed in State-run Facilities



JJPOC Prioritization of Goals and Initiatives

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Quick Recap of July JJPOC Meeting

- Discussed need for new strategic plan starting in 2018
- Brainstormed list of focus areas (see handout, 17 in total)
- Also collected suggestions for procedural changes, e.g.
 - Need for greater communication/info sharing among working groups
 - Designation of one member from each agency to attend and participate in working groups (for consistency and continuity)

Today, we will discuss substantive areas for JJPOC to focus on in the next strategic plan (but... the suggestions for procedural changes have not been forgotten).



Criteria for Prioritizing Reform Initiatives

- Policy change needed is clear
- Reform effort would have a large, positive impact to improve public safety (and ensure positive outcomes for youth)
- Potential for success (with minimal risks)
- Support available
- Reform initiative fits nicely with rest of JJPOC agenda

Survey Responses



- 18 responses (out of 41 JJPOC members)
- All respondents who started survey finished survey
- Take-away/themes

Survey Results



- Issue areas that were <u>NOT</u> chosen as 1st, 2nd or 3rd Priority
 - Address needs of most vulnerable/special populations (e.g., LGBTQI)
 - Address developmental needs of emerging adults/transitional aged youth
 - Improve education within the juvenile justice system

Survey Results For the 1st Priority



Survey Results For the 2nd Priority



2nd Priority

Address needs in the "front-end" of the system (prevention and diversion)

Address racial and ethnic disparities

Mental/behavioral health (improve identification and services) Enhance/develop community-based programming Ensure smooth closure of CJTS/ appropriate alternatives Improve early identification of high-risk youth

Address needs of "deep-end" population



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Survey Results For the 3rd Priority,



3rd Priority

Improve early identification of high-risk Stable and safe housing (assessing/ School-to-prison pipeline Address needs in the "front-end" of the Mental/behavioral health (improve Address racial and ethnic disparities Promote restorative justice practices Remove youth from adult prisons Address needs of "deep-end" population



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Discussion



- Additional comments
- Feedback from JJPOC members
- Consensus building

Next Steps



- Further develop/define strategic priorities
 - Role of full JJPOC
 - Role of Working Groups
 - Develop timeline



Next JJPOC Meeting October 19th, 2017 2:00-3:30 PM