**Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee**

June 18, 2015
Legislative Office Building
2pm Room 1E

**JJPOC Progress Report:**

1. New State Legislation
2. Department of Justice Grant Proposal
3. Update on Strategic Goals/Trend Reports
4. Cost/Benefit Analysis
5. CCA Presentation on Educational Barriers Affecting Children in the Juvenile Justice System

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**JJPOC Progress Report: New State Legislation**

PA 15-183 October 1, 2015
- Membership Expanded
- Duties Expanded through July 2018
  - Strategic Plan
  - Assessment of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs and Services
  - Assessment of Vocational Education opportunities
  - Assessment of restraints, seclusion, and room confinement in juvenile facilities

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**JJPOC Progress Report: Department of Justice Grant Proposal**

**Project Strategy:** 1 year Strategic Plan leading to a 5 year Implementation Plan

**Purpose:** To improve reentry strategies and strengthen continuity of care throughout institutional and community systems

**Target Population:** Highest risk youth in confinement from the 4 largest urban areas

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**Outcomes:**
1. 5 Year Goal including a 50% reduction in recidivism
2. Specifically target DMC reduction
3. Federal funding for implementation
4. Expedite reform efforts

**Partnerships:**
- OPM, Judicial, DCF, SDE, DOC, JJPOC, Non-Profits, Advocates, Families, Youth

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**Update on Strategic Goals/Trend Reports**

- Goals and specific targets presented at the April 16th meeting
- New 10 year trend reports support recommended targets
- Presentation by Renee LaMark Muir on trends
- Discussion and Approval of recommended goals
- New TYJI partnership with CCSU and Pew Center to provide cost/benefit analysis on JJPOC goals and strategies
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Trend Report for Target Goals

Proposed Target Goals

Over next 3 years
- Increase rate of diversion by 20%
- Decrease rate of incarceration by 20%
- Decrease recidivism rate by 10%

Diversion Increase by 20 Percent:
Total Delinquency Court Referrals

26 percent decrease in delinquency referrals over past 10 years

Juvenile Review Board Referrals: Statewide

31 percent increase in all JRB referrals statewide FY 08/09-FY 12/13

Juvenile Review Board Referrals: Bridgeport, Hartford & New Haven

48 percent increase in referrals over 7 years
Urban JRBs driving trend

Target Goal:
20 Percent Increase in Diversion

- Juvenile Delinquency Referrals
  - 11,471 in FY 13/14

  Target rate: 9,178 youth by FY 17/18

- Juvenile Review Board Referrals
  - 1,581 in FY 12/13

  Target rate: 1,897 referrals by FY 17/18
Proposed Diversion Increase Strategies

- Use CYFSCs for JRB referrals
- Expand SBDI
- Standardize JRB protocols and reporting
- Urban JRB focus on minority populations
- MOA process with schools, police, and OPM
- Comprehensive assessment of JRBs

Decrease Incarceration 20 percent: Juvenile Detention Center Admissions

- 19 percent decrease over 8 years

DCF CJTS Admissions

- 2 percent increase over 9 years

 DOC Manson Youth Admissions: Sentenced & Pre-trial

- 81 percent decrease since 2007

Target Goals:
20 Percent Decrease in Incarceration

- Juvenile Detention Centers
  - 2,334 in 2014
  - Target rate: 1,868 in FY 17/18

- CJTS
  - 222 in 2014
  - Target rate: 178 in FY 17/18

- Manson Youth Institution
  - 65 in 2014
  - Target rate: 52 in FY 17/18

Incarceration Reduction Strategies

- Decrease probation and parole violations
- Improve assessment and program matching
- Address gaps in services
Decrease Recidivism 20 Percent: Juvenile Probation Recidivism Rate

DOC Youth Recidivism Rate

• OPM reported in 2011, 10,008 inmates were released from DOC
  – Only 45 were under the age of 18 at release
• 20 (44%) rearrested within one year
• 33 (73%) rearrested within three years
• Youth released had significantly higher recidivism rate than general DOC population

9 percent decrease over past 8 years
Annual decreases very small; cumulative effect

Recidivism Reduction Strategies

• Validate risk assessment tools
• Train DCF in Risk, Needs & Responsivity
• Adopt evidence-based programs
• Address gaps in program availability
• Quality Assurance
• Research and evaluation

Next Steps

• JJPOC adopt goals
• JJPOC reformulate workgroups
  – Diversion
  – Incarceration
  – Recidivism
  – Data
• Cost/Benefit Analysis
  – CCSU and Pew Center partnership

Target Goal:
Decrease Recidivism 10 Percent

• Adjudicated youth on probation
  – 60 percent in 2014
  Target rate FY 17/18: 54 percent
• Youth released from DOC
  – 73 percent in 2011
  Target rate FY 17/18: 66 percent

Discussion on proposed target goals