



## JJPOC Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

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### Attendance:

Rep. Toni Walker  
Natalie Wagner, JD  
Sen. Gary Winfield  
Abby Anderson  
Erica Bromley  
Hector Glynn  
Martha Stone, JD  
Hon. Judge Bernadette Conway

Stephen Grant  
Christine Rاپillo  
Linda Dixon, Ph.D.  
Charlene Russell-Tucker  
Francis Carino  
Sarah Eagan  
Hakima Bey-Coon, JD  
Deborah Stevenson, JD

### TYJI Staff:

William Carbone  
Kitty Tyrol  
Erika Nowakowski  
Kendell Coker, Ph.D.  
Laura Downs

Rep. Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Co-chair, Sec. Ben Barnes, was not in attendance but his representative, Natalie Wagner, undersecretary for OPM, was present.

Rep. Walker asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 21, 2016. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Update on JJPOC Progress

William Carbone reviewed the agenda for the meeting and introduced Laura Downs, TYJI consultant, to present the workgroup updates.

### Work Group Updates

Ms. Downs introduced the work group co-chairs to present their individual updates.

### Incarceration Workgroup

Co-chair, Judge Bernadette Conway, explained the plan of the work group over the next 6 months. A subcommittee is meeting on the Detention Diversion Release Plan to look at community-based services for youth diverted or released from detention. The plan will be informed by the previously enacted comprehensive behavioral health implementation plan and will look at the needs of kids and families. The workgroup is on target to complete their proposed plan by the October 2016 deadline and will be presenting this at the January 2017 JJPOC meeting.

Another subgroup has formed to meet with Dr. Cox at CCSU in order to develop the Detention Risk Assessment Tool that will aid judges in determining when detaining a child is warranted. It is expected to launch in January 2017 with the new legislative changes.



The discussion on the youth being detained at the Manson Youth Institution has been sidetracked by the current discussion on CJTS but the work group is scheduled to meet again on Monday, September 19, 2016 and discuss this issue.

The first phase results of the Study of Youth in Confinement and Congregate Care are to be reported in January 2017. The University of New Haven has received the massive data from various stakeholders needed for this study and has begun the process of cleaning and sorting the data.

### **Diversion Workgroup**

Co-chair, Erica Bromley, updated the committee on the progress of the Community-based Diversion System Plan. They looked at existing diversion services and programs and service utilization in various communities in CT to get a picture of what they have and what they may not have. They will be using data from the Results First study in order to look at cost options for this plan.

A subgroup has been formed to discuss the police training changes and will start meeting soon.

Part of the group that participated in the group diversion certificate program at Georgetown University in December 2015 is continuing to work on the mandatory capstone project focusing on JRBs and restorative justice. They have made progress and infused this work with the diversion work group because their goals are aligned.

Another subgroup has been formed to look at the FWSN referrals and truancy models. The charge of this group is to identify the local implications of removing defiance of school rules and truancy as part of the FWSN definition and suggest guidance on new board of education policies and procedures. They will also work with SDE to identify effective truancy intervention models.

The issue on mental health services and insurance reimbursement was previously brought up at a LIST meeting and the workgroup thought it would be a good discussion for JJPOC to have as well. Mental health clinics can only provide their services in their clinic in order to be reimbursed but they want to be able to provide their services in the home, community, and schools. There are state and federal regulations that restrict serving individuals wherever they are in the community but it is recommended that we look into making changes in order to provide mental health services outside of a clinic setting. Hector Glynn, Vice President for Community, Family, and Clinical Services for The Village for Families and Children, provided some insight on Medicaid billing and reimbursement in clinical settings. There is further discussion on amending the state regulations in order to provide services outside the clinical setting.

There is a continued discussion on the truancy intervention models and educational services.

The diversion workgroup will be meeting in the beginning of October to continue their work.



### **Recidivism Workgroup**

Co-chair, Christine Rapillo, reported on the progress of the vocational education opportunities report. The Charter Oak group has completed a preliminary inventory on programs and resources. The workgroup has created a subgroup to refine this inventory, look at national best practices, and discuss the work further.

Pre and post assessment of community-based programs and recidivism outcomes is being done by researchers at TYJI and will be completed before January 2017.

Adoption of recidivism reduction framework will be completed in January 2017. DCF and CSSD are currently working on tasks and timelines and the workgroup is expected to hear back from them in October or November.

There is a subgroup being established to help implement de-escalation techniques in state and private facilities. The expected completion date is January 2017.

The work group has begun to identify points that should be tracked and reported for the OPM tracking of recidivism reduction data. CSSD, DOC, and DCF are all working to come up with information on data points for the workgroup in order to come up with recommendations.

There is discussion on the IMRP study and the definition of recidivism.

Mr. Carbone clarified that there will be an update to the 2015 Trend Report which will now be referred to as the Annual Report on Strategic Goals. This update will provide recidivism data. Annual Report on Strategic Goals will be presented at the October JJPOC meeting. There was discussion on the progress of data analysis, studies, and reports and the information that is yet to come.

### **Cross Agency Data-Sharing Workgroup**

Co-chair, Brian Hill, recognized his co-chair, Jamie Mills, who is departing the position and welcomed undersecretary Natalie Wagner from OPM as his new co-chair. Mr. Hill reported that the permanent data workgroup is established with all of the necessary individuals and agencies and there has been a lot of interest from outside participants as well. This workgroup will also provide collective oversight for both the qualitative and quantitative parts of the Raise the Age Study done by the Harvard Kennedy School.

The workgroup is working on a data integration project called "What Works CT" in order to try and integrate data across state government. They are working with the Charter Oak group on the RBA implementation plan. Facilitating data coordination across the work groups is a standing item on their agenda in order to review pending requests by the work groups. They are also being kept up-to-date on the various ongoing studies. Rep. Walker thanked Ms. Mills for her service to JJPOC and her commitment to the kids.



### **Summary Feedback on DCF Closure Report**

As facilitator of the workgroups, Laura Downs presented a summary feedback provided by all of the work groups. The work groups thought the draft report was a good start for service improvement but felt that there were a few missing items in order to make it a full plan. They recommended for more data, analysis, and clarification in specific areas. Their ultimate recommendation was to consider consulting with JJPOC member organizations in order to refine and finalize the CJTS closure plan.

DCF reported that they plan on visiting other successful organizations that were recommended to them by the consultants at Harvard. During these visits, DCF would like to invite JJPOC members to join them.

Abby Anderson from CTJJA mentions a few points from the CTJJA report in response to the draft plan as well. She agreed with much of the work groups feedback and believes there is a lot to build upon. Ms. Anderson pointed out that they are definitely not in support of remodeling CJTS, but would like it closed completely.

There is further discussion on the CJTS draft report. Linda Dixon, DCF, said they will try to incorporate all of the feedback into the plan for next month.

The last presentation on the agenda will be moved to the next JJPOC meeting since the meeting had run late.

Rep. Walker adjourned the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** October 20, 2016