



JJPOC Meeting Minutes

December 20th, 2018

2:00PM

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Attendance:

Ram Aberasturia	Tais Ericson	Natasha Pierre	State Sen. Gary Winfield
Abby Anderson	John Frassinelli	Chief Marshall Porter	TYJI Staff
Ben Barnes	Eulalia Garcia	Rep. Robyn Porter	William Carbone
Erica Bromley	Hector Glynn	Christine Rapillo	Danielle Cooper
Kenneth Butricks	Derrick Gordon	Janeen Reid	Colleen Conroy
Francis Carino	Susan Hamilton	Gary Roberge	Susan Cusano
Hon. Judge Patrick Carroll	John Holland	Martha Stone	Erika Nowakowski
Hon. Judge Bernadette Conway	Eleanor Michael	Rep. Toni Walker	Alex Scranton
Elizabeth Duryea	Joshua Perry	Lisa Wexler	

Representative Toni Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Rep. Toni Walker asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 15, 2018. Francis Carino, from the Office of the Chief State’s Attorney, proposed a change in response to the 80.6% reduction in CJTS admissions to include a sentence that states new admissions to CJTS were ceased as of 1/1/18. The change was allowed, and the motion made by Rep. Toni Walker to accept the meeting minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

Update on Progress

William Carbone, from the TYJI at the University of New Haven, reviewed the agenda for today’s meeting. William Carbone announced that Dr. Danielle Cooper’s Recommendations and Findings from the Study of Community-Based Programs and Services would be deferred until the January 17th JJPOC meeting. He then introduced Erika Nowakowski from the TYJI to give a brief background on the process that led up to the creation of the new strategic plan.

JJPOC 2019-2021 Strategic Plan “Achieving Positive Youth Outcomes for Safer and Healthier Communities: A Shared Vision for Connecticut’s Juvenile Justice System”

Erika Nowakowski introduced John Frassinelli and Erica Bromley, co-chairs of the Diversion Workgroup, to present Goal 1- *Limiting Youth Entry into the Justice System*. The following are the primary measures that will be used for goal 1:

- Number of youths entering the Juvenile Justice system
- Number of youths participating in diversion programs



- Number of youths successfully completing diversion programs
- Number and percent of youths participating in diversion programs that have justice involvement 12 months later

John Frassinelli and Erica Bromley then discussed Goal 1's objectives, as well as example strategies, indicators and milestones.

Hon. Judge Bernadette Conway, co-chair of the Incarceration Workgroup, presented Goal 2 – *Reduce Incarceration*. The following was identified as the primary measure that will be used for goal 2:

- Number and percent of justice-involved youth that are incarcerated (pre and post-adjudication)

Judge Conway then discussed Goal 2's objectives, strategies, indicators and milestones.

Abby Anderson and Hector Glynn, co-chairs of the Recidivism Workgroup, presented Goal 3 – *Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities of Youth in Connecticut's Juvenile Justice System*. The following were identified as primary measures for goal 3:

- Relative % rates of justice involvement
- Relative % rates of disposition
- Relative % rates of service provision by type of service
- Relative % rates of incarceration

Abby Anderson and Hector Glynn then discussed Goal 3's objectives as well as example strategies, indicators and milestones.

Eleanor Michael, co-chair of the Cross-Agency Data Sharing Workgroup, presented Goal 4 – *Rightsizing the Juvenile Justice System*. The following was identified as the primary measure that will be used for goal 4:

- Number and percentage of justice-involved youth by age category

Eleanor Michael then discussed Goal 4's objectives as well as examples strategies, indicators and milestones.

After the co-chairs presented the goals of the strategic plan to the JJPOC, the floor was opened up for questions and discussion. Some of the concerns expressed included that the JJPOC needs to evaluate and address shortcomings with past reforms before focusing on additional reforms. It was also expressed that perhaps past legislation was enacted to reduce incarceration and divert youthful offenders from the juvenile system before a system was in place to handle the changes. Francis Carino expressed concerns over expected costs and data collection associated with the Strategic Plan.

After the discussion, the JJPOC held a vote on the proposed Strategic Plan. All but 1 (Francis Carino) voted in favor to approve the Plan.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019 2:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.



*Audio and/or video of the meeting can be found on
https://www.cga.ct.gov/app/taskforce.asp?TF=20141215_Juvenile%20Justice%20Policy%20and%20Oversight%20Committee