



JJPOC Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

2:00PM

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Attendance:

Abby Anderson
Alvin Wilson
Erica Bromley
Francis Carino
Patrick Carroll
Eulalia Garcia
Sarah Eagan
Paul Formica
John Frassinelli
Hector Glynn
Brian Hill

John Holland
Fernando Muniz
Rep. Robyn Porter
Christine Rapillo
Gary Roberge
Martha Stone
Len Suzio
Rep. Toni Walker
Natalie Wagner
Gary Winfield

TYJI Staff:

William Carbone
Erika Nowakowski
Danielle Cooper
Susan Cusano
Kitty Tyrol
Joshua Perry
Gabriela Brito

Representative Toni Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Rep. Toni Walker asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 21, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Note that the items on the meeting agenda were presented out of order.

Update on Progress

William Carbone, from the TYJI at the University of New Haven, reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

William Carbone introduced a new member, Susan Hamilton that will be joining the group next month. He also congratulated Abby Anderson as the new appointed co-chair of the Recidivism Workgroup.

2017 JJPOC Annual Strategic Goals

William Carbone introduced Brian Hill, co-chair of the Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup. William Carbone reminded the members of the three goals that were established by JJPOC to be accomplished by June 30, 2018. The goals are to increase the number diverted by 20%, decrease the number incarcerated by 30%, and decrease the re-arrest rate by 10%.

Brian Hill thanked Department of Children Families, Department of Corrections, Judicial Branch, and the members of the Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup for all of their help and support.



Brian Hill reported that there has been continued decline of delinquency referrals to juvenile court and that we are on track for meeting this goal. Brian also reported that we are slowly approaching the goal of statewide Juvenile Review Board referrals. Brian thanked Erica Bromley for all of her help with strategies and data collection with the Juvenile Review Boards. There was discussion regarding data collection, data process, and data integrity.

Brian Hill reported that there has been a drop in admissions to state-run juvenile detention centers. There has also been a drop in admissions to Department of Children and Families Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS). There has been a remarkable drop in the number of admissions to DOC Mansion Youth Institution (MYI) of sentenced and pre-trial males under the age of 18. Over the last four years there has been less than 10 admissions to DOC York Correctional Institution of sentenced and pre-trial females the age of 18. Discussion regarding possible reasons for why we have seen such a decrease in incarcerating youth. Brian reported that we have reached our goals regarding decrease in admissions to juvenile detention centers and CJTS and we are on track to achieve the goal regarding males admitted to MYI.

Brian Hill explained the methods for measuring recidivism through the populations. Brian Hill explained that there has been slow process towards adjudicated youth on probation. There has been an increase from the baseline regarding youth released from CJTS. Also, there has been a decrease from the baseline and approaching 10% reduction regarding youth released from DOC.

Discussion regarding what can be done to reach current goals and what the next steps are for the strategic planning.

Diversion Workgroup Update

William Carbone introduced Erica Bromley and John Frassinelli, co-chairs of the Diversion Workgroup.

Erica Bromley informed the members that the Ohio Scales screening tool was selected, the process of selection of the screening tool, and that the Diversion Workgroup will be establishing an implementation team to put together a plan that addresses the role out of the tool.

Erica Bromley reported on the status of the school-based diversion plan. This plan addresses the needs of school-based diversion in terms of school-based arrest as well as discipline. It focuses on both elementary and secondary education. Also, it looks at district wide strategies with a focus on youth with mental health issues with varying levels of needs. A presentation on this will be upcoming in the next JJPOC meeting.

John Frassinelli reported on the referral form and guidance document regarding truancy referrals. John Frassinelli informed the group that the Catalog of Truancy Intervention Models is in clearance at the Department of Education and will be released shortly.



John Frassinelli reported that trainings for district and school staff regarding the new truancy referral process and changes to the laws is ongoing. John Frassinelli and Erica Bromley are using every opportunity possible to communicate with individuals regarding truancy. The State Department of Education launched the Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow which is a yearlong attendance awareness campaign in partnership with the Governors Prevention Partnership and Attendance Works. Separate frequently asked questions documents are being created to be sent to parents, YSBs, and school districts which will be part of the communication strategies.

Discussion regarding communication and notification and whether or not individuals are aware of the changes of FWSN truancy law? There was discussion regarding the differences between chronic absenteeism and truancy. In addition, there was discussion regarding concerns for the screening tool that was selected by the Diversion Workgroup. The co-chairs of the Diversion work group will coordinate a separate meeting to address the concerns brought about by the JJPOC on the YSB screening tool.

Juvenile Parole Recidivism Report

William Carbone introduced Andrew Clark, Director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP). Andrew Clark presented their report on "A CT Results First Project Update: Juvenile Justice Perspective".

Rep. Toni Walker thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2017, 2:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.

*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