



## JJPOC Meeting Minutes

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

2:00PM

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### Attendance:

Ram Aberasturia	Vannessa Dorantes	John Kissel	Deborah Stevenson
Abby Anderson	Michael Duggan	Melissa McCaw	Martha Stone
Erica Bromley	Sarah Eagan	Heather Panciera	Rep. Toni Walker
Kenneth Butricks	John Frassinelli	Joshua Perry	<b>TYJI Staff:</b>
Chief Anthony Campbell	Eulalia Garcia	Marc Pelka	William Carbone
Francis Carino	Hector Glynn	Natasha Pierre	Colleen Conroy
Hon. Judge Patrick Carroll	Derrick Gordon	Chief Marshall Porter	Susan Cusano
Hon. Judge Bernadette Conway	Steven Hernandez	Rep. Robyn Porter	Rashanda McCollum
Rollin Cook	Brian Hill	Christine Rapillo	Erika Nowakowski
Miriam Delphin-Rittmon	John Holland	Gary Roberge	Donna Pfrommer
			Alex Scranton

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

Rep. Toni Walker asked for a motion to accept the previously amended meeting minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The motion 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 recapped the progress of voting on the 2019 JJPOC Recommendations from the previous meeting.

Erika Nowakowski, from the TYJI announced to the members of the JJPOC that the February 21<sup>st</sup> kickoff meet and greet for the new Integrated Community Expertise workgroup will be postponed. The new workgroup will consist of youth, emerging adults and parents. She also reminded the members of the upcoming Council of State Governments visit. CSG is coming to Connecticut to potentially select our state for assistance in our justice reinvestment legislation.

## JJPOC 2019 Workgroup Recommendations

### *Executive Workgroup Recommendation #1*



At the previous JJPOC meeting on 1/17/19, the Executive Workgroup's Recommendation was **passed**. The following members voted against or abstained to the recommendation.

- Against – Francis Carino, Marshall Porter, Deborah Stevenson
- Abstentions – Rollin Cook, Vanessa Dorantes, Melissa McCaw

***Incarceration Workgroup Recommendation #1***

At the previous JJPOC meeting on 1/17/19, Abby Anderson proposed a friendly amendment to add

“A. No youth under the age of 18, even those who have their cases transferred to the adult court, should be housed in a facility run by the Department of Corrections either pre or post-adjudication.”

The friendly amendment was **accepted**. The recommendation was subsequently **passed**. The following members voted against or abstained to the recommendation.

- Against – Francis Carino, Deborah Stevenson
- Abstentions – Ken Mysogland (sitting in for Vanessa Dorantes), Marc Pelka, Natasha Pierre

***Incarceration Workgroup Recommendation #2***

At the previous JJPOC meeting on 1/17/19, Chief Marshall Porter offered a friendly amendment to Recommendation 2.3a that would change the word “Prohibit” to “Limit”.

“a) Prohibit the use of chemical agents (pepper spray) on youth in juvenile detention and DOC facilities.”

The amendment was **denied**.

Sarah Eagan offered a friendly amendment to Recommendation 2.1a that would change the phrase “Conduct suicide screening on a routine basis for all confined youth” to “The agencies conduct suicide screening using a tool and periodicity schedule consistent with research-based best practices for confined youth. “

“a) Conduct suicide screening on a routine basis for all confined youth. Any risk or instances of suicidal behavior should trigger a comprehensive case review with participation from clinical staff and facility operations.”

The amendment was **accepted**.

Rep. Toni Walker offered a friendly amendment to Recommendation 2.2b that would change the date from “May 1, 2019” to “April 1, 2019”.

“b) Issue a report by May 1, 2019 that summarizes the review and provide recommended definitions that include the maximum number of hours and days a youth may be held in administrative segregation, solitary confinement, seclusion and isolation.”



The amendment was **accepted**. The recommendation was voted on in sections.

Recommendation 2.1a- **passed** unanimously

Recommendation 2.1b – **passed**

- Against – Francis Carino, Deborah Stevenson
- Abstention – Rollin Cook

Recommendation 2.2 – **passed** unanimously

Recommendation 2.3 – **passed**

- Against – Francis Carino, Marshall Porter, Deborah Stevenson
- Abstentions – Ram Abersturia, Rollin Cook, Melissa McCaw, Marc Pelka

Recommendation 2.4 – **passed** unanimously

### ***Incarceration Workgroup Recommendation #3***

Rep. Toni Walker offered a friendly amendment to change Recommendation 3.B to remove the word “independent”.

“B. Require that all facilities for incarcerated youth maintain an independent ombudsman/woman to meet with the youth tour the facility and address concerns.”

The amendment was **denied**. The recommendation was subsequently **passed** in its original form. The following members abstained to the recommendation.

- Abstentions – Rollin Cook, Deborah Stevenson

### ***Incarceration Workgroup Recommendation #4***

The recommendation was **passed**. The following member abstained to the recommendation.

- Abstention – Deborah Stevenson

### ***Incarceration Workgroup Recommendation #5***

Vannessa Dorantes offered a friendly amendment to change Recommendation #5 to include “best practices” in addition to “evidence-based”.

“It is recommended that the DOC and Judicial Branch/CSSD provide all facility staff with trainings in evidence-based and/or best practices in the following areas”.

The amendment was **accepted**. The recommendation was subsequently **passed**. The following member abstained to the recommendation.

- Abstention – Deborah Stevenson

### ***Cross-Agency Data Sharing Workgroup Recommendation #1***

Brian Hill from the judicial branch presented the Cross-Agency Data Sharing Recommendation to the members of the JJPOC. The recommendation was **accepted** unanimously.

### ***Diversion Workgroup Recommendation #1***

Erica Bromley, co-chair of the Diversion Workgroup, presented the Diversion Workgroup Recommendations to the members of the JJPOC. Francis Carino was concerned whether the date of



July 1, 2019 would be enough time for Juvenile Review Boards to plan for handling juveniles who have engaged in indecent or immoral conduct. He also voiced his concern that by removing the FWSN category of indecent and immoral conduct, discretion from prosecutors to reduce a sexual assault charge to a FWSN petition would be removed. This removal can potentially result in kids with juvenile records for sexual assault. Rep. Walker asked Mr. Carino to bring in data in regard to the number of cases that this would have an effect on. The recommendation **passed**. The following members were against the recommendation.

- Against – Francis Carino, Hector Glynn, Marshall Porter, Deborah Stevenson

### ***Diversion Workgroup Recommendation #2***

Rep. Toni Walker proposed a friendly amendment to change Recommendation #2 to add the phrase “within available appropriation”

“The legislature establish line items within the general fund to provide recurring funding for”

After a group discussion, Rep. Walker withdrew her friendly amendment. The recommendation **passed** in its original form. The following members voted in abstention.

- Abstentions – Francis Carino, Deborah Stevenson

**Next Meeting:** March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 2:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

\*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](https://www.cga.ct.gov/app/taskforce.asp?TF=20141215_Juvenile%20Justice%20Policy%20and%20Oversight%20Committee)