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JJPOC Monthly Meeting Agenda

Date: January 16, 2025

Time: 2:00PM-3:30PM

Location: LOB Room 1E / Via Zoom

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Welcome and Introductions

Representative Toni Walker
Undersecretary Daniel Karpowitz

Overview of Meeting and
Announcements

Brittany LaMarr

JJPOC Recommendations and Voting

Workgroup Chairs and JJPOC Membership

- Incarceration Workgroup, Re-entry Subgroup
- Gender Responsiveness Workgroup

Next Meeting: February 28, 2025



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December JJPOC Meeting Minutes

December 19th, 2024

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Legislative Office Building 1E

Zoom Option Available

Attendance

Amy Marracino

Anthony Nolan

Betty Ann MacDonald

Charles Hewes

Christina Ghio

Christina Quaranta

Colleen Violette

Daniel Karpowitz

Derrick Gordon

Elizabeth Bozzuto

Erica Bromley

Gary Roberge

Gary Winfield

Hector Glynn

Heriberto Cajigas

Jillian Gilchrest

Jodi Hill-Lilly

John Frassinelli

Lisa Simone

Martha Stone

Melanie Dykas

Michael Pierce

Natasha Pierre

Paul Cicarella

Ray Dancy

Renee Cimino

Sharmese Walcott

Tais Ericson

Talitha Coggins

Tammy Nguyen-O'Dowd

Thea Montanez

Toni Walker

TYJI Staff

Abby Stolls

Andrew Zhebrak

Brittany LaMarr

Emily Bohmbach

Erika Nowakowski

Eva Ott Hill

Paul Klee

Shelby Henderson-Griffiths

Ryan Connick

Welcome and Introductions

Representative Toni Walker and Daniel Karpowitz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Overview of the Meeting

The December monthly meeting consisted of the JJPOC's voting on the recommendations presented by the Community Expertise Workgroup, the Education Workgroup, and the Diversion Workgroup.

Acceptance of JJPOC Meeting Minutes

Representative Toni Walker asked for a motion to accept the November 21, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Updates

No updates were provided.

Community Expertise Workgroup Recommendations

The Community Expertise Workgroup presented one recommendation, which is as follows: “Section 46b-121(n)(b)(23) of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from the passage): Two children, youths or young adults under twenty-six years of age with lived experience in the juvenile justice system, shall be appointed by the Community Expertise Workgroup of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.” There was no discussion held regarding this recommendation and passed with 30 “yes” votes, 0 “no” votes, 0 abstaining, and 16 not present.

Education Workgroup Recommendations

The Education Workgroup presented three recommendations. Members of the JJPOC unanimously agreed that all three recommendations would be taken as one vote. The first recommendation is as follows: “In Section 10-198c of the general statutes the Education Workgroup is recommending that attendance review teams report annually to the Connecticut State Department of Education on their approach and outcomes. Section 10-198(c)(b)(2) should read: ‘Any attendance review team established under this subsection may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school social workers, teachers and representatives from community-based programs who address issues related to student attendance by providing programs and services to truants, as defined in section 10-198a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and chronically absent children and their parents or guardians. Each attendance review team shall be responsible for reviewing the cases of truants and chronically absent children, discussing school interventions and community referrals for such truants and chronically absent children and making any additional recommendations for such truants and chronically absent children and their parents or guardians. Each attendance review team shall meet at least monthly and shall report annually to the Department of Education on its specific efforts and outcomes.’”

The second recommendation is as follows: “In Section 10-198d of the general statutes the Education Workgroup is recommending that the State Department of Education and the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap report on its use and efficacy (by school district) of chronic absenteeism prevention and

intervention plans. Section 10-198(d)(a) should read: ‘Not later than January 1, 2016, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap established pursuant to section 10-16nn of the general statutes, shall develop a chronic absenteeism prevention and intervention plan for use by local and regional boards of education to reduce chronic absenteeism in the school district, and shall report on its use and efficacy by school districts.’”

A discussion of the first and second recommendation was held with concern regarding already existing measures and plan implementation for addressing chronic absenteeism in school districts. It was clarified that the recommendations would mandate that the contents of the attendance review teams be reported to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). Another concern was brought to the attention of the group regarding the first recommendation in that designing and implementing a new data collection tool is a difficult task and is a task that does not seem necessary currently due to the strong collaboration among school districts and the CSDE. A JJPOC member shared that the data collection that would be implemented as part of the first recommendation is important to view the educational system holistically. A question was then asked whether the proposed required reporting of the first and second recommendation was regarding plans and activities as distinct from effects and outcomes. An answer was provided stating that in terms of the first recommendation, the reporting would consist of a review of the attendance review team in the given district, including effects and efforts taken by the team. In terms of the second recommendation, the CSDE would be required to provide a chronic absenteeism intervention plan to the districts and report its utilization by districts.

The third recommendation is as follows: “The Education Workgroup recommends that it should collaborate with CSDE to identify school district metrics that should be reported to CSDE in 10-198c and 10-198d.”

The recommendations were then taken to a vote where the recommendations passed with 21 “yes” votes, 2 “no” votes, 6 abstaining, and 16 not present.

Diversion Workgroup Recommendations

The Diversion Workgroup chairs presented their three recommendations, which are as follows: (1) “All municipalities and/or municipal agents responsible for operating a Youth Diversion Team/Juvenile Review Board should report to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) on an annual basis data related to youth being diverted and the outcomes of diversion as per DCF requirements;” (2) “No later than Dec. 1,



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2025, Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) should work in partnership with the JJPOC Co-Chairs and/or their designees, and representatives from the Community Expertise Workgroup develop a proposed statewide uniform youth diversion policy for the consideration of POSTC;" (3) "No later than Dec. 1, 2025, POSTC should work in partnership with the JJPOC Co-Chairs and/or their designees, and representatives from the Community Expertise Workgroup to develop a proposed youth diversion training curriculum for consideration as a part of its accreditation requirements for local law enforcement."

The recommendations were then taken to a vote where the recommendations passed with 30 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes, 0 abstaining, and 16 not present.

The results of the voting for each set of recommendations were then presented and the meeting concluded.

Next Meeting: VOTING MEETING

Hybrid Model Option (In person and available over zoom)

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Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

2025 Recommendations



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PART 2: JJPOC 2025 Recommendations Continued

WORKGROUP	RECOMMENDATIONS
GENDER RESPONSIVENESS WORKGROUP	<p>The Gender Responsiveness Workgroup Recommends:</p> <p>Recommendation 1: DCF should report to JJPOC by July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, on the implementation of the new STTAR Plan released in March 2024. DCF report should include currently available metrics and should consider developing additional metrics in September 2025 for subsequent annual reports.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: DCF will submit to JJPOC by March 1, 2025 on how many calls it receives of possible/suspected child sexual abuse, including reports of abuse and neglect in out of home care settings; how many of those are substantiated; how many calls it receives of possible/suspected child sexual abuse are referred to regional multidisciplinary teams (MDTs); and any gaps in access to or capacity of the MDT system to meet the need.</p>
INCARCERATION WORKGROUP, RE-ENTRY SUBGROUP	<p>The Incarceration Workgroup, Re-entry Subgroup Recommends:</p> <p>Recommendation 1: Transition Supports</p> <p>JBCSSD and DOC should submit to JJPOC by March 1, 2025, how much of the items listed below are happening; how many youth are utilizing the supports; what number of youth and families need the below services; and what is the difference between the demand for the below items. Additionally, they should ask families their need for the below items and submit an officially recorded anecdote on the utilization and need, to demonstrate barriers, considerations, and opportunities. DOC and JBCSSD may also identify, or offer suggestions of their own, for potential funding reallocations to support the items below. They should identify how many youth leave their facilities on supervision and end of sentence, and any appropriate or necessary partnership to deliver the provision of services below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When a youth is admitted to a facility or contracted program, necessary transportation assistance to the youth’s identified family to visit the young person at the facility or contracted program at least twice a month. b. The need for flex funds to support families in need for up to 6 months following a youth’s return home. Support may include but is not limited to housing assistance, basic needs, transportation, and vocational training.

c. The need for flex funds to youth and their family the ability to relocate if needed for safety reasons. Funds may cover moving, basic needs, and initial housing payments.

Recommendation 2: Vocational and Employment Support

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b. Finally, DOC and JBCSSD should outline strategies and opportunities to address current limitations or inefficiencies in connecting youth to employment/testing/opportunities prior to release and during their time in facility.

Recommendation 3: Quality Assurance Report Through OPM

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