

**Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee  
DMC Subcommittee  
May 14, 2015  
Office of Grants and Research, EOPSS  
3:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Proposed Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes Review
3. FFY15 Three Year Plan – Solicitation Review & DMC Goals/Objectives/Action Steps
4. Updates:
  - a. Effective Police Interactions with Youth Training
  - b. Data Issues
  - c. DMC Assessment Study and Compliance Concerns
  - d. Diversion Study
  - e. JDAI – DMC training video
  - f. Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Leadership Forum & Center For Children’s Law and Policy TA
  - g. Formula Funds for Implicit Bias Training for Judges?
5. Other Business?

**Attendance**

**JJAC DMC Subcommittee Members:** Mark Booher, Chair; Naoka Carey, Adam Foss (by phone), Alan Klein, Soledad Valenciano

**EOPSS:** Andrew Polk, Patricia Bergin

**Guests:** Theresa Conti

**Handouts:** Agenda, Meeting Minutes, FFY15 DMC Plan (draft), DMC section of Three Year Plan/Formula Grant Solicitation, Boston Public Schools discipline and graduation rates.

The subcommittee **approved the minutes** from the February 17, 2015 meeting.

The subcommittee reviewed the DMC section of OJJDP’s **Formula Grant/Three Year Plan solicitation**. The subcommittee was reminded of the elements and related activities of the OJJDP DMC Reduction Cycle.

The subcommittee reviewed the **DMC goals, objectives and activities** drafted for the Three Year Plan. No substantive changes were recommended.

**Updates:**

Naoka Carey provided an update on the purpose and plans of the **Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Leadership Forum**. Citizens for Juvenile Justice (CfJJ) and the Leadership Forum received a grant for technical assistance from the Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP). As part of the grant CfJJ has hired a part-time employee to staff the Leadership Forum and work on other related initiatives.

Andrew Polk provided an update on the **Effective Police Interactions with Youth Training** that occurred in April. Close to 40 officers attended the one day training. The training of trainers will occur in the summer.

There was discussion regarding **data issues**. In addition to EOPSS, CfJJ is having trouble getting the data it would like to have. This problem may eventually impact the Commonwealth’s compliance status with the DMC core requirement of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), particularly if the Court is unable to complete an **assessment study** within the near future.

Andrew provided an update on the status of the **Diversion Study**. JJAC Chair Bob Gittens will be communicating with the Essex County District Attorney and his staff to discuss concerns they have and get a sense of whether he and other district attorneys will support the release of the study. It is possible that an event in collaboration with the district attorneys’ could be planned to release the study.

Adam Foss provided an update of his efforts to plan and implement a **diversion project in Suffolk County**. He will soon be presenting his ideas to DA Dan Conley. It will be a comprehensive diversion program that includes independent screenings and assessments of candidates and referral to relevant services. The subcommittee expressed concern about “over-servicing” first-time offenders who would be better off without being required to get services. Adam, Chair Gittens and Andrew will collaborate on the diversion matters.

Andrew updated the subcommittee of the possibility of using remaining FFY2012 Formula Grant funds for the Court to conduct **implicit bias training** for juvenile judges.

Andrew updated the subcommittee on the move by some legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives to de-fund the JJDP. It is unknown at this time how much support there is in Congress to de-fund the JJDP. On the other hand, there is a bi-partisan effort in the Senate to re-authorize the JJDP.

The meeting was adjourned.