

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

February 27th

2pm – 4pm

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of 12.12.18 Minutes
- Report outs:
 - Data Subcommittee
 - Community-Based Interventions Subcommittee
 - Childhood Trauma Task Force
 - Diversity & Inclusion Working Group
- Framework for Assessing Impact of Statutory Changes
- Initial Impacts of Statutory Changes: Board Member Updates

DATA SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Goals/Guiding Principles

1. Be purposeful and strategic: we need a cross-agency plan
2. Report on outcome data as well as process data
3. Disaggregate data by demographic categories
4. More multi-agency collaboration & reporting
5. Increase transparency and public accessibility

Year 1 Objectives

- 1) Aggregate Data Collection Improvement Feasibility Report (JUNE 30)
- 2) Develop JJ System Data Website
- 3) Develop Interagency Data Collection & Reporting Plan

**COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT**

Year 1 Objectives

- Research current diversion policies & procedures in MA:
 - Police Diversion
 - District Attorney Diversion
 - Judicial Diversion
- Conduct statewide assessment of availability of community-based treatment programs & services for justice-involved youth, including gaps in program availability by community, programming type and/or population served
- Develop recommendations for expanding & improving community-based interventions

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 1st Meeting: Police Diversion
- April/May: Prosecutorial & Judicial Diversion
- Summer: Presentations on Diversion Referral and Community Providers Surveys

CSG Justice Center Presentations:

Summary of best practices in juvenile diversion

- ❖ Divert youth who commit status offenses and low risk youth from system involvement pre and post arrest; provide minimal or no supervision for these youth; and focus limited resources on supervision/services for youth with a high risk of reoffending.
- ❖ Use risk screening tools to help objectively identify low risk youth that are appropriate for informal adjustment.
- ❖ Establish clear criteria, policies, and protocols to identify youth that should be eligible for and/or automatically be diverted based on risk level and offense.
- ❖ Use needs screening tools and service guides/matrices to identify youth with potential mental health, substance use and trauma needs and to match youth with appropriate services in or out of the juvenile justice system.
- ❖ Establish formal partnerships, communication, policies, and joint training with law enforcement, other service systems, and community based providers
- ❖ Collect data on diversion program participation and quality to evaluate and improve performance.



CHILDHOOD TRAUMA TASK FORCE

Year 1 Objectives

- Understand & Document Current Trauma Screening, Assessment and Intervention Practices
- Identify Gaps and Areas for Improvement
- Develop Policy & Budget Recommendations

Trauma Mapping Project

1. Which agencies, organizations, and other institutions provide screenings, assessments, and interventions for children and youth under 18?
2. What types of screening and assessment tools are being used across the state?
3. What types of trauma interventions are being used throughout the state?
4. How are children and youth referred to trauma screenings, assessments, and interventions?
5. Are there any promising practices or programs that could serve as models for other Massachusetts communities?

Learning Sessions with Invited Guests

- **March:** Violence & Childhood Trauma
 - ROCA
 - Child Witness to Violence
- **April/May:** School Interventions;
Immigration/Refugee-Related Trauma
- **Agency presentations**

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF STATUTORY CHANGES

Statutory Charge

- **Assess impact of any statutory changes** that expand or alter jurisdiction or functioning of the juvenile court by looking at:
 - changes in the **age of the youth** involved with the juvenile justice system
 - Changes in delinquency **charging patterns**
 - changes in the way youth are being matched to and provided **services**
 - **youth outcomes** as a result of these changes in service delivery
 - any remaining or emerging **gaps in educational supports and other needed services**

Framework for Measuring Impact

Changes in the Age of Youth Involved with Juvenile Justice System

Pre-And Post Effective Date Comparisons:

- # of arrests (+ overnight arrests) for youth under 12
- Average age of youth arrested (+ overnight arrests)
- # of delinquency filings for youth under 12
- Average age of youth with delinquency filings
- # of DYS commitments for youth under 12
- Average age of DYS commitments

Framework for Measuring Impact

Changes in Delinquency Charging Patterns

Pre-And Post Effective Date Comparisons:

- Frequency of delinquency filings for impacted offenses
- Frequency of arraignments for impacted offenses
- Frequency of filings/arraignments for offenses SIMILAR TO impacted offenses
- Conversions of delinquency filings to civil infractions

Framework for Measuring Impact

Changes in Matching & Delivery of Services

Pre-And Post Effective Date Comparisons:

- #/type of CRA filings
- #/type of referrals to FRCs
- Use of judicial diversion
- Use of police/DA diversion
- Referrals to Restorative Justice programs
- DCF STARR placements
- Referrals to BSAS
- Relevant DMH metric?
- Metrics that would capture impact to other service systems?

Framework for Measuring Impact

Changes in Matching & Delivery of Services

Changes in Youth Outcomes

- Unlikely to see significant changes in first year of implementation
- Could consider partnership with academic institution to look at
 - Pre/post recidivism
 - Other youth well-being metrics

Gaps in Services

- Data from CBI Subcommittee Survey

Board Member Updates & Reflections

- Has your agency implemented any changes to policy or practice as a result of the April 2018 law?
- What positive changes, if any, are you seeing that you think are or may be related to the April 2018 law?
- What challenges, if any, are you seeing that you think are or may be related to the April 2018 law?

Next Meeting

- Full Board Meeting: April 11th, 1-3pm
- Subcommittees:
 - Data Subcommittee: March 4th, 2- 4pm
 - CBI Subcommittee: March 1st, 2-4pm
 - Childhood Trauma: March 13th, 1-3pm
 - Diversity & Inclusion: Feb 28th, 1-2:30pm

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