

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

CBI Subcommittee

Virtual Meeting
October 15, 2020
2pm – 3:30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
-Virtual Meeting Guidelines
2. Review/Approval of September meeting minutes
3. Commissioner Forbes (DYS) State Diversion Learning Labs update
4. Final review of Model Program Guide & Discuss Next Steps

Model Program Guide:

Suggested edits received during review period

Edits based on feedback from the Trial Court to clarify statutory structure for youth referred under judicial diversion M.G.L c. 119 § 54A:

1. Note that Coordinators could conduct a risk/need assessment upon request from judge *prior* to referral, to meet statutory requirements
2. Add “Provide updates to the court as needed” for youth diverted under this statute to the job description for Diversion Coordinators.
3. Add in footnote that explains statutory structure re: diversion timeframes for youth referred under M.G.L. c. 119 §54A (90 days with option to extend another 90).
4. Add in that, for judicial diversion cases, once diversion is over the case must come back to the judge for the case to be dismissed.

Model Program Guide:

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Edits based on conversation with CPCS regarding access to counsel process:

1. Upon receiving a referral, Diversion Coordinator contacts CPCS to get the name and contact information for an attorney for the youth.
2. When the Diversion Coordinator contacts the youth's parent/guardian to let them know the youth has been referred to diversion, they provide the parent/guardian with the name and contact information for that attorney, and encourage them to contact the attorney before the first intake meeting with the Diversion Coordinator. They will also share the parent's contact information with the attorney to allow for follow-up.
3. The Diversion Coordinator will welcome the youth's attorney as a partner in the process, but the youth and their family will not be required to consult with counsel to participate in diversion.

Model Program Guide

Any additional feedback/items to discuss?

Model Program Guide & CBI:

Next Steps

October 19, 2020

- Updates from DYS
- Review of Model Program Guide

November 13, 2020

- **Final edits and vote on final Model Program Guide**
- Discuss next steps for “CBI as advisory” role
- 2021 work plan brainstorm

Dec 2020/Jan 2021

- 1-on-1's with CBI members

Next Meeting Date

November 13, 2020

10:00am-11:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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