

Office of the Child Advocate  
Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board  
Data Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, December 1, 2023  
1:00-2:30PM  
**Meeting held virtually**

**Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:**

Rachel Wallack (Trial Court)  
Nancy Brody (DCF)  
Michael Ames (CLM)  
David Chandler (DYS)  
Nicholas Campolettano (DCF)  
Michale Coelho (Probation)

**OCA Staff:**

Kristi Polizzano  
Morgan Byrnes  
Arianna Turner

**Other Attendees:**

Patricia Bergin (EOPSS)  
Joshua Dankoff (CfJJ)  
Lindsey Sagasta (DPH)  
Baqar Husain (DPH)  
Juliet Anctil (Probation)  
Jason Lewis (DYS)  
Katy Perry-Lorentz (DYS)  
Noor Toraif (UPenn)  
Michael Kilkelly

**Meeting Commenced:** 1:03 PM

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Ms. Polizzano welcomed the attendees to the Data Subcommittee meeting. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Polizzano asked if anyone had any questions or feedback regarding the November 8, 2023, meeting minutes. The group did not offer any feedback or objections. Michael Ames, Nancy Brody, and David Chandler all voted in the affirmative. Michael Coelho abstained. No one voted against the meeting minutes.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

Ms. Polizzano thanked members for their feedback on the JJPAD 2023 Annual Report. She explained that after the subcommittee's discussion, the full JJPAD board would receive a draft to review and subsequently approve.

Ms. Polizzano welcomed general feedback on the report.

One member suggested that future reports include an examination of recidivism rates and a deeper analysis of youth crossing over from DCF to DYS. Members discussed future analysis of recidivism rates and ways current state entities report this data. Ms. Polizzano mentioned the Board's Dually Involved Youth project and mentioned more data will be available in that report.

Ms. Polizzano welcomed additional feedback. Hearing none, she began presenting edits to the report section-by-section.

### **FY23 Annual Report Data Section: Edits & Discussion**

Ms. Polizzano began with the "Introduction" section, highlighting language shifts in describing process points between last year and this year.

Ms. Polizzano then moved onto the "Key Takeaways" section. She pointed out a language change made throughout the report from the term "CRA system" to "alternative resources" or "state resources". Ms. Polizzano then reviewed the addition of previous JJPAD board recommendations that were added to this report. Members discussed the recommendation about substance use services, noting that additional data regarding the types of drugs used would be helpful to make specific, informed recommendations. Members also discussed the dearth of programs across the state.

Ms. Polizzano next presented the "Initial Stages" section. She pointed out additional context was added to the Overnight Arrest data, citing the practice of youth being held overnight if a parent does not pick them up. One member suggested a change to the Overnight Arrest data, asking that clarification be added about how many nights a youth can be held for.

Ms. Polizzano then moved to the "Pretrial Data" section, stating that the main change was the renaming of the "pretrial probation" section to "pretrial supervision and monitoring." Ms. Polizzano also noted that arraignments for youthful offenders were removed from this section in order to prevent double counting youth. Additionally, she pointed out that the pretrial

probation supervision/monitoring data now begins in FY19 rather than FY20. Ms. Polizzano mentioned to the group that the pretrial probation supervision/monitoring data presented in the Board's report does not match what Massachusetts Probation Service (MPS) reports on its public dashboard because MPS does not report cases that are not "actively" supervised by a probation officer. These cases (called "Category A") are supervised by a statewide unit and not reflected in the MPS public dashboards. They *are* counted in the JJPAD report.

Ms. Polizzano moved to the "Dispositions" section. She pointed out language changes to this section, and no further edits were made.

Ms. Polizzano then reviewed the "Sanctions" section, noting that MPS reports certain pretrial cases as post-adjudication administrative probation data. No further edits were made in this section.

Ms. Polizzano next covered the "Post commitment services" section, in which there were no edits. She moved on to the "Utilization of other state services" section, in which she pointed out a language change from prior years' reports from "child-serving systems" to "child-serving state resources."

Ms. Polizzano continued to the "Race and ethnicity" section, in which changes were made to the arraignment category.

Ms. Polizzano shared that there were no edits to the "LGBTQ Youth", "Youthful Offenders", or "County level break downs" sections.

Ms. Polizzano welcomed final feedback on the report. None was raised. Ms. Polizzano welcomed edits to the appendix. None were raised.

#### **Concluding remarks:**

Ms. Polizzano thanked everyone for their input, welcomed them to reach out with further edits before the 12/15 Full Board meeting, and adjourned the meeting.

**Adjournment:** 1:55 PM