

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

May 2020 Update

Outline

1. Full Board Revised Work Plan
2. Subcommittee Revised Work Plans & Updates

Full Board Revised Work Plan

2020 Meeting Schedule & Planned Activities

July 13, 2020
Virtual Meeting

- CTF Covid-19 Trauma Response Report: Preparing for the Surge in Need for BH Support
- Juvenile Justice Data Website Presentation
- Board Member Report Outs (Impact of Covid on Operations)

September (TBD)

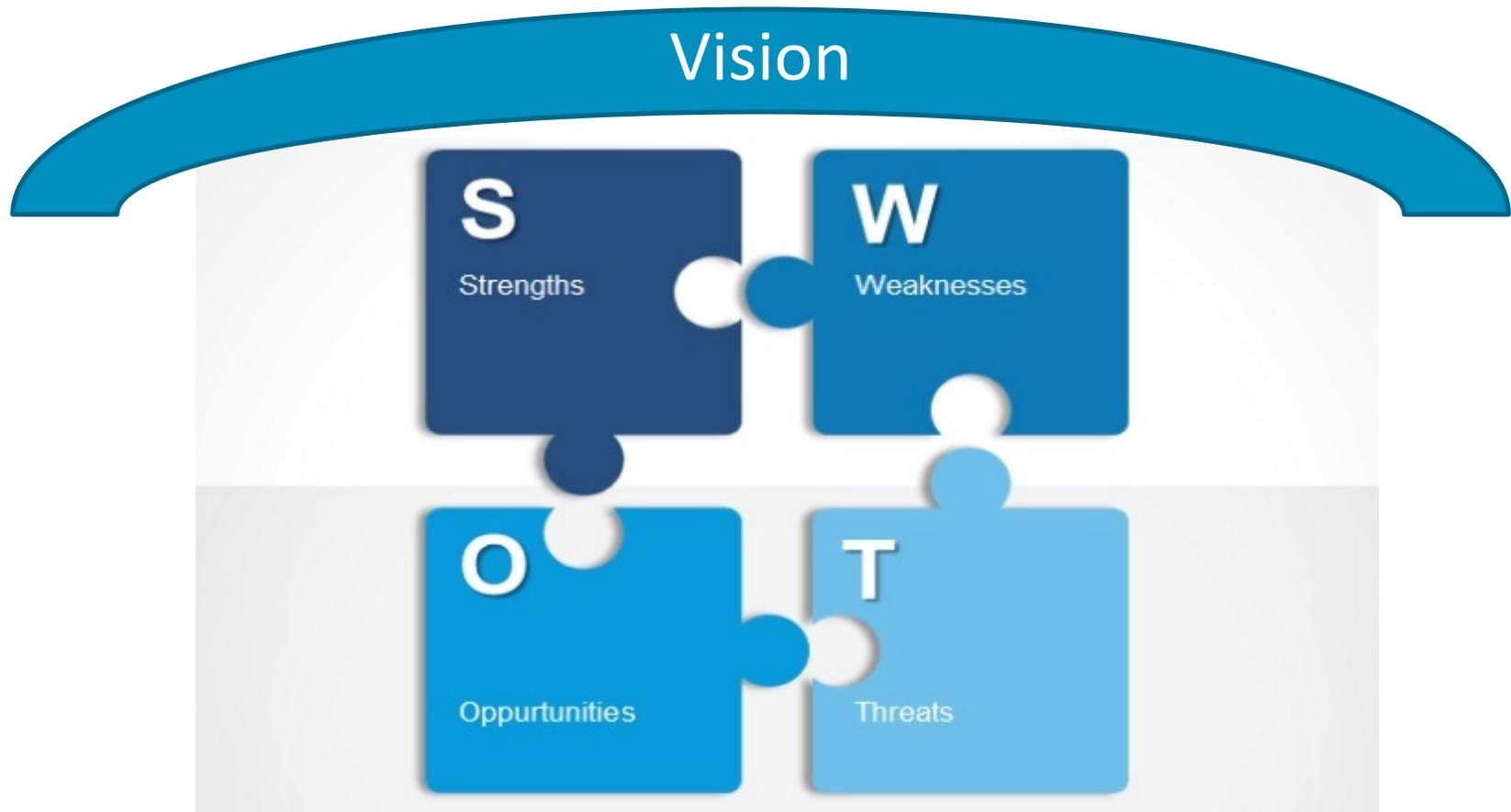
- Diversion Model Program Guide Update
- Trauma Informed and Responsive Organizations Framework & Implementation Recommendations
- Review/ Approval of Data Reporting Standards Recommendations
- Board Member Report Outs

November (TBD)

- Final Diversion Model Program Guide
- Review/Approval of MA JJ Policy and Data Report to Legislature

Full Board

Postponed to 2021: Conduct JJ System SWOT+ Analysis



Subcommittee Revised Work Plans & Updates

Childhood Trauma Task Force: Revised Work Plan

Year 2 Objectives: Establish Statewide Framework for Trauma-Informed and Responsive Practice

1. Develop Trauma Informed and Responsive (TIR) Practice Framework

January – April

- Develop and Publish Draft TIR Framework

April - July

- Solicit Feedback on Draft Framework

August – September

- Finalize and Publish TIR Framework

2. Develop Recommendations for Implementation of TIR Framework

January – July

- Solicit Feedback on Implementation Needs/Gaps
- Develop and Refine Recommendations for Implementation Support

August – Sept

- Finalize & Publish Implementation Recommendations

Childhood Trauma Task Force: Covid Response

Leveraging and Pivoting the CTTF during Covid Pandemic

- CTTF is charged with determining how MA can better identify and provide services to children who have experienced trauma
- Covid-19 Pandemic is causing significant trauma and stressors for children, likely to lead in a surge of need for behavioral health supports
- CTTF's previous work and expertise of members positions group to make timely recommendations for how the Commonwealth should identify and provide services to children experiencing Covid-related trauma.

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Covid19-Related Traumas and Stressors

Increase in ACEs

- Abuse (Physical, emotional, sexual)
- Neglect (Physical & emotional)
- Mental illness
- Domestic violence
- Substance abuse

Covid-19 Specific Trauma

- Death of loved ones
- Economic hardships
- Group discrimination

Covid-19 Stressors

- Isolation/abrupt halt to connections with family & friends
- High exposure to pandemic media coverage
- Disruption of daily routine
- Lack of access to community and recreational space
- Lack of freedom of movement

Childhood Trauma Task Force: New Work

Year 2 New/Additional Objective: Develop a Report with Recommendations on Addressing Covid-Related Trauma

May

- Background presentation and discussion of initial draft recommendations by OCA

June 8th

- CTTF feedback on draft report

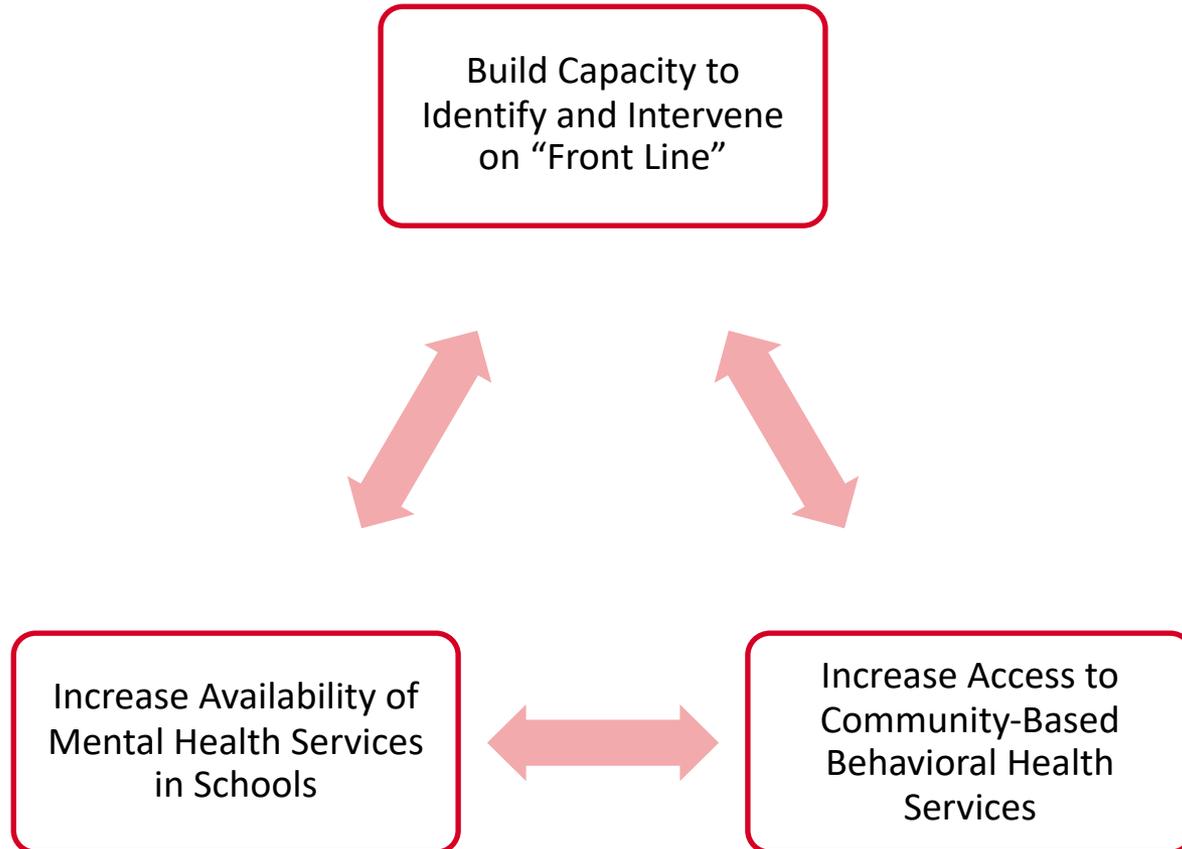
Mid-June

- Finalize report & submit to Legislature

Given the tight timetable on the report (creating limited opportunity for review), final report will either be report *of* the CTTF or an OCA report *informed by* the CTTF, depending on the preference of the members

Childhood Trauma Task Force

Overview of Draft Covid Report Recommendations:



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Overview of Draft Covid Report Recommendations:

1. Build Capacity to Identify & Intervene on the “Front Line”

- Parents, caretakers, and staff at day care centers, schools, and congregate care settings are our children’s mental health first responders in this crisis
- We must ensure they have the skills needed to identify, understand and appropriately respond to changes in children’s behaviors they are seeing
- Supports must be stood up quickly, available virtually, and tailored/targeted to the needs of each sector. Ideas include:
 - Virtual/video trainings, including practical tips for managing behavioral changes
 - Access to coaching hotline for professionals seeking help in understanding/responding to behavioral challenges
 - Interactive, accessible, multi-lingual website with resources for families

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Overview of Draft Covid Report Recommendations:

2. Increase Availability of Mental Health Services in Schools

- Schools are where children spend a large portion of their day, and research demonstrates that school-based behavioral health interventions can be particularly effective.
- Our ability to keep children safe upon return to schools, help them adhere to social distancing standards, and foster their ability to learn is *reliant* upon ensuring their sense of emotional safety and addressing their mental health needs. One cannot exist without the other.
- State can provide access to (and incentive to participate in) practical, timely training and coaching on implementing effective interventions for identifying and responding to the behavioral health needs of children, including:
 - Universal behavioral health screenings
 - District needs assessment and resource mapping
 - Implementing evidence-based practices

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Overview of Draft Covid Report Recommendations:

3. Increase Access to Community-Based Behavioral Health Services

- While parents, caretakers, day care facilities and schools can provide support and interventions for lower-level behavioral health issues, a significant number of children will need help from trained mental health professionals in the community.
- Equitable access to these services has been a challenge for years, and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic will only exacerbate the problems.
- There are numerous ongoing efforts on this front, although many have been stalled by Covid. As part of the state's Covid response, we must prioritize further action to increase access to high quality behavioral health services for *all* children and families that need them.

Childhood Trauma Task Force: Spring Work Update

- At the April CTTF meeting, the CTTF reviewed the TIR Framework and finalized the draft for Open Public Commenting Period.
- In May, the CTTF heard a presentation from the OCA regarding the Commonwealth's response to child trauma post-Covid. The group gave initial feedback to the proposed legislative report.
- The next CTTF meeting is **June 8, 2020 1-3pm** when the group will re-convene to discuss feedback on the draft legislative report: *Covid-19 Response Report: Preparing for the Next Surge*

CBI Subcommittee: Revised Work Plan

Year 2-3 Objective: Prepare for Launch of Statewide Diversion Coordination Learning Lab

February – August

- Develop Program Design Plan

August -
November

- Solicit external feedback on Program Design Plan
- Finalize Program Design Plan

January 2021 (?)

- Pending FY22 Budget Funding, Monitor Launch of Diversion Coordination Learning Lab

CBI Subcommittee: Spring Work Update

- The CBI Subcommittee met virtually in March, April and May. During those meetings, members provided feedback on the following topics and relative draft sections of a final Program Design Plan:

March

- Developing the Diversion Agreement

April

- Case Management
- Challenges to Diversion Success

May

- Diversion success & "wrap up"
- Diversion Coordinator Job Description

- The next CBI subcommittee meeting is **June 15, 2020 1-3pm** when the group will discuss information sharing between the Diversion Coordinator and the agencies that refer youth (Police, Clerks, DA's, Judges) as well as other JJ agencies and service providers.

Year 2 Objective: Improve Data Reporting Quality and Availability

1. Launch JJ Data Website

February -
July

- Finalize and launch JJ Data Website

August –
December

- Work on next iterations of JJ Data website

2. Standardize Reporting & Produce FY20 Data Trends Report

February -
September

- Develop Data Reporting Standards (e.g. race/ethnicity, gender)

July -
October

- Produce Data Trends Report (w/ FY20 Data)

Data Subcommittee: Spring Work Update

- Due to the Covid emergency response, the March and April Data Subcommittee meetings were cancelled. Subcommittee members were asked to provide written feedback on our first draft of Data Reporting Standards Recommendations for race & ethnicity categories.
- The Data Subcommittee met virtually in May to discuss feedback on the Data Reporting Standards Recommendations draft, and see the latest draft of the Juvenile Justice data webpage.
- The next meeting will be **June 30, 2020 1-3:00pm** and will be dedicated to gathering feedback on the website and a presentation on sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) data reporting.

Next Meeting Date

July 13, 2020

1pm-3pm

Virtual Meeting, Link to Follow