**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)**

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - Meeting Minutes

4:30pm - 6:00pm

**Member Attendance**

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| **Name** | **Present** | **Absent** | **Proxy** |
| 1. **Anderson**, Patrina (Trina)
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| 1. **Barnes,** Mylan
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Burton**, Lisette
 |  | x |  |
| 1. **Clark,** Sheila
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Del Valle,** Nataly
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **DiToro,** Jennifer
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Eismann,** Audrey
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Furr**, Laura
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Goodman,** Jonah
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Gregory-Dowling**, Shyra
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Holtz,** Jamal
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Mobley,** Brittany
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Odom**, Terri
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Patterson**, Jenise (Jo)
 |  | x |  |
| 1. **Richmond,** LaShelle
 |  | x |  |
| 1. **Rosenthal**, David (Dave)
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Spain**, Penelope
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Wheeler- Taylor,** Pamela
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **White,** Aaron
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Wright**, Bruce
 | x |  |  |
| 1. **Woods,** Kyla
 | x |  |  |
| Staff Present | Melissa Milchman (OVSJG), Toni Lemons (CJCC), Tawana Stewart (OVSJG), Kristy Love (CJCC), Suzie Dhere (OVSGJ), Michelle Garcia (OVSJG) |
| Guests or Advisory MembersPresent | Helen McClure – DMPSJDavid Marimon – CJCCAnissa Walker - OVSJGAsante Laing – CFSACaroline Brown – KIPP DCJacob Harnist – Office of Students in Care of DC - DMEdJose DeArteaga- DYRSZita Orji – DC Office of Open Government/BEGAALJ Judge Thomas – DYRSTiffany Reid-Collazo – PDSLinda Irizarry – OVSJGFloyd Bronson- Restorative DCRaChelle Dennis – Martha’s TableJacqueline Wright – CSSDClare Kruger – PDSKevin Whitefield – Tyrone Hall- YLA MemberAnwar Walker – DYRSD.D. Davis – SPED Attorney |
| Notes Prepared by | Melissa Milchman (OVSJG) |

**AGENDA**

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| Welcome | Welcome and Introductions (*Laura Furr, Chair)* *Welcome new member Mylan Barnes!* |
| JJAG Business | Update on JJAG Business (*Melissa Milchman, OVSJG)** Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference update –DC has been invited to Present on Off Ramps to Justice System Involvement – Sheila, Penelope and Aaron will talk about programs like ACE, expanding PASS and the work of the PINS committee.
* Melissa is being presented with the 2022 Tony Gobar Award for Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialists.
* CJJ Youth Engagement Learning Network – A learning opportunity to share models for youth engagement and hear from other states/jurisdictions on how they engage youth members in their work. If there are Youth Leaders in Action (YLA) members that want to participate in the network meetings, email Laura or Melissa to let us know, and we will get you connected. Currently, Laura and Kyla participate.
* FACJJ applications from JJAG – thanks to those that expressed interest. Applications were due on April 1st, and we had wonderful representation from our SAG apply. Penelope Spain and Jo Patterson applied.
* Call for Peer Reviewers – OSVJG is preparing to launch its Spring RFA season April – June. We will be recruiting JJAG members to read applications submitted for Juvenile Justice work (Delinquency Prevention, Restorative Justice, Juvenile Reentry, and other reform or enhancement efforts, including the technology enhancements for at risk youth outreach supports – PINS REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGNED).
* If you want to volunteer to be a peer reviewer, please email Melissa at melissa.milchman@dc.gov.
* We are looking for 12-15 JJAG member or advisor volunteers.
* YLA members are paid to serve as reviewers.
* Reviewers are provided training and instructions before applications are reviewed. Typically, JJAG reviewers read and score approximately 5 applications, and then participate in a consensus meeting with other reviewers to provide recommendations on which applications should be awarded grants next fiscal year. The time commitment is approximately 15 hours over the course of two months.
* Aaron White is our first volunteer to be a peer reviewer! Thanks, Aaron.
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| Compliance Update | Update on JJAG Business and Compliance Monitoring *(Kristy Love and Toni Lemons, CJCC*)* Compliance visits update from CJCC
* Compliance Monitoring Facility Inspections have started – these are site visits conducted by CJCC Compliance Monitor Toni Lemons. At these facility visits, Toni is monitoring for compliance with 4 core requirements of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), specifically monitoring to ensure that DC is in compliance with federal rules on: (1) De-institutionalization of Status Offenders (2) Jail Removal (3) Separation (Sight and sound from adults) and (4) Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) work. In addition to physical inspection, CJCC reviews administrative data to help us determine if we have any violations of the core requirements.
* Toni started inspections of MPD police stations this week and will continue these inspections throughout the month of April. DYRS Secure Facilities and Court Holding spaces will also be inspected.
* In review of administrative data for FY21, roughly 14 potential violations were flagged, warranting further investigation and review.
* CJCC is also supporting the required revisions to the DC Compliance Monitoring Manual – we are partnering with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Preventions (OJJDP) Technical Assistance Provider, called the Center for Coordinated Assistance to States (or CCAS) to ensure we understand the specific revisions that will be required. The goal is to submit by the end of April (OJJDP deadline is June). However, OJJDP committed to reviewing submissions in approximately 30 days, so the sooner we submit, the more time we have to receive any feedback before the final deadline, and the more likely we will get our FY21 Title II Grant funds released to us by September.
* CJCC also shared Quarterly Racial and Ethnic Disparities data related to FY21
* Notes: Juvenile arrests are counted by instance, so not unique individuals – youth can be arrested multiple times
* Intakes at secure juvenile facilities are declining (DYRS New Beginnings and Secure Confinement)
* There has also been a decline in the number of juveniles charges as adults
* Overall, we see lower numbers of youth entering the system across touch points (e.g., arrest, diversion, detention, secure confinement, adult transfer), but we still see high percentages of Black youth at each touch point.
* Discussion and Questions about the data from JJAG Members: There is a narrative that there is a higher population of Hispanic youth being involved in the justice system, but that is not showing up in the data yet. What could be the reasons why? This could be how MPD is collecting the data – race vs. ethnicity
* Local gun violence problem analysis presentation – David Marimon (CJCC)
* National Institute for Criminal Justice reform (NICJR) released a Gun Violence Problem Analysis Report that was specific to DC, identifying key drivers of gun violence for DC and working towards a strategic action plan for DC to reduce gun violence
* Full report is available here: <https://cjcc.dc.gov/release/cjcc-releases-%E2%80%9Cgun-violence-problem-analysis-summary-report%E2%80%9D-district-columbia>
* Some interesting highlights included in this report: (1) it looks at both suspects and victims, (2) it looks at motives behind homicides (what is driving violence), (3) it identifies gang and crew affiliations, and (4) it identifies a concrete number of high-risk individuals in DC (quantifies how many individuals can be identified as high risk at a given time).
* The report analyzed violent crime over calendar years 2019 and 2020
* Regarding Juveniles NCIJR noted that while DC’s data shows that there is not a significant number of youth (17 years or younger) indicated as perpetrators or victims of gun violence, DC still has a slightly higher percentage of juveniles involved as compared to other major cities in the U.S. where similar analysis were done.
* Next Steps to Keep JJAG Informed: Invite Building Blocks DC and the Office of Neighborhood Safety and engagement to an upcoming meeting to talk about how this analysis or the resulting strategic action plan is impacting their work or plans and specifically work on juvenile interventions and supports that reduce gun violence.
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| YLA Update | Update on YLA Activities *(Aaron White, YLA Member*) – Met on March 31st to discuss helping the RED Committee distribute Youth Surveys, recap and discuss the follow up work JJAG intends to do on electronic monitoring (participatory research), and discussed having members register and attend the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference in May. |
| Policy and Legislative: RED Subcommittee Update | Update from Policy and Legislative Committee: RED Subcommittee (*Aaron White, Committee Member and Laura Furr, Chair*) * Community engagement/survey update – we are getting ready to start survey distribution. The survey is made available in paper or electronic formats, and youth will receive gift cards for completing a survey.
* Timeline for the RED report on reducing disparities at the point of arrest. The Committee pushed back the timeline for release of the report to September to give time for the survey feedback to come in and align with the launch of Youth Justice Action Month (YJAM) in October.
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| Policy and Legislative: PINS Subcommittee Update | Update PINS Subcommittee (*Sheila Clark, Committee Co-Chair, LaShelle Richmond, Vice Chair and Melissa Milchman*) * Title V grant and DMPSJ updates- PINS Decision Point Memo is still pending with the City Administrator’s Office.
* Introduction of JJAG Resolution 2022-1 To support enhanced responses to chronic absenteeism and truancy.
* PURPOSE: Demonstrate the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group’s support for investments and enhancements that align with the JJAG PINS report and recommendations, including the provision of increased resources that enhance responses to chronic absenteeism and truancy.
* Homework for members and advisors– review the full text of the resolution, ask questions, and be prepared to vote at the May 10th JJAG Meeting.
* Question and discussion: Do we have a research basis that links truancy to delinquency? YES – The CJCC Root Cause Analysis Report: <https://cjcc.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/cjcc/CJCC%20Root%20Cause%20Analysis%20Report_Compressed.pdf>
* NOTE: Most truancy cases are diverted to the DHS ACE Program. However, there is still evidence that chronic absenteeism is a risk factor for delinquency.
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| Follow up on critical issues action items | Next Steps for JJAG to Support Improved Services for Girls – we will be continuing our discussions and engagement with stakeholders around this work (presented in February) over the summer.Next Steps for JJAG to Explore Electronic Monitoring – (Professor Kate Weisburd presented to JJAG in March) and Lisette Burton (JJAG Member) is supporting some follow up efforts to explore participatory research that DC could conduct. |
| Updates and Announcements | Invitation to members, advisors, and partners to share updates, opportunities for collaboration, news, etc. |
| Adjourn | Next Meeting May 10 – new calendar invite coming |