

## Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)

### Virtual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

4:30pm - 6:00pm

#### Member Attendance

Name	Present	Absent	Proxy
1. <b>Anderson, Patrina</b> (Trina)	X		
2. <b>Barnes, Mylan</b>	X		
3. <b>Burton, Lisette</b>		X	
4. <b>Clark, Sheila</b>	x		
5. <b>Del Valle, Nataly</b>	X		
6. <b>DiToro, Jennifer</b>		X	
7. <b>Eismann, Audrey</b>		X	
8. <b>Furr, Laura</b>	X		
9. <b>Goodman, Jonah</b>	X		
10. <b>Gregory-Dowling, Shyra</b>		X	
11. <b>Holtz, Jamal</b>		X	
12. <b>Mobley, Brittany</b>	X		
13. <b>Odom, Terri</b>	X		Jacqueline Wright
14. <b>Patterson, Jenise</b> (Jo)	X		
15. <b>Richmond, LaShelle</b>	X		
16. <b>Rosenthal, David</b> (Dave)	X		
17. <b>Spain, Penelope</b>	X		
18. <b>Wheeler- Taylor, Pamela</b>	X		Commander Godin
19. <b>White, Aaron</b>	X		
20. <b>Wright, Bruce</b>	X		
21. <b>Woods, Kyla</b>	X		
Staff Present	Melissa Milchman (OVSJG), Suzie Dhere (OVSJG), Tawana Stewart (OVSJG), Kristy Love (CJCC), and Toni Lemons (CJCC)		
Guests or Advisory Members Present	Floyd Bronson School Talk/Restore DC Erin Partin CJCC Rachel Seo-Park CJCC Captain Branch – MPD Tiffany Reid Collazo – PDS Rondell Jordan – Open City Advocates Helen McClure – DMPSJ Jennifer Ubiera – CCE Takeyshia Johnson - CCE Allison Kahn-Pauli (CASA DC) Meagan Reed – DMPSJ Asante Laing - CFSA Jose DeArteaga – DYRS D.D. Davis – Juvenile Panel Attorney Kevin Whitfield – DC Council Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety Hillary Desir – DM Education Tore Jackson - DYRS		
Notes Prepared by	Melissa Milchman		

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Welcome	Welcome and Introductions ( <i>Laura Furr, Chair</i> )
JJAG Business	<p>Update on JJAG Business (<i>Melissa Milchman, OVSJG and Toni Lemons, CJCC</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RED vote results – new visualization and official voting record will be shared with the minutes, demonstrating the breakdown of YES, ABSTAIN, or REJECT votes for each goal and recommendation. All goals and strategic recommendations passed with at least 11 members voting yes (51% or more of JJAG members).</li> <li>• The next steps will be to turn this into a report to the Bowser Administration.</li> <li>• Immediate next steps: We are working with agency reps who indicated that they would like to provide additional commentary to their votes to collect official agency response comments.</li> <li>• Highlights: The October JJ Monitor Newsletter (Published by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice) published a member spotlight on DC focused on the work of the Youth Leaders in Action Committee and Mylan’s appointment as youth co-chair. This publication goes out nationally to state advisory groups and state agency staff.</li> </ul>
CJCC Reports Presentation and Discussion	<p>Presentation from CJCC on Recent Reports and Discussion (<i>Rachel Seo-Park and Erin Partin, CJCC</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Rehabilitation Act (YRA) Analysis – Presentation by CJCC Statistician Rachel Seo Park.</li> </ul> <p>Context: YRA is a sentencing guideline. Young adults can be sentenced under the YRA, and YRA sentencing includes a set of benefits (e.g. flexibility around mandatory minimums, and ability to receive a set aside of your conviction which means remove it from the public record). This applies to individuals charged with offenses from ages 18-24.</p> <p>CJCC analyzed data on how the YRA has been used over the past several years and what statistically significant factors show up around who and under what circumstances young adults are being sentenced under the YRA. Some highlights included that younger offenders and those with misdemeanor or traffic offenses were more often considered for YRA sentencing and YRA set-aside.</p> <p>You can review the full report here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><a href="#">ANALYSIS OF THE YOUTH REHABILITATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018</a></u></li> </ul> <p>Because the YRA is applied to those charged with adult offenses, there was a discussion about where those youth are held and what programs are available to them (also a consideration for YRA set-aside benefits). CJCC reviewed program data from the DC Department of Corrections and the Bureau of Prisons (but was not able to get data from the adult probation agency CSOSA). In addition, CJCC shared a link to CJCC's Justice Statistical Analysis Tool (JSAT), which shows the breakdown of DC Code Offenders housed in BOP facilities. You can filter by region, security level, and security type: <a href="https://www.dcjsat.net/FBOP.html">https://www.dcjsat.net/FBOP.html</a> (Tab #2) to see where DC residents are serving sentences. Those whose sentences are under 1 year, typically serve at the DC Jail. Those whose sentences are longer than 1 year, typically serve in a federal prison.</p>

- Factors that Affect Juvenile Justice System Involvement – Presented by CJCC Statistician Erin Partin

Context: CJCC's analysis and report shares factors that help us identify youth at risk of system involvement. None of these factors specifically cause system involvement. There are things we can work towards but not all risk factors are treatable or intervene on (e.g., we cannot change a person's race, but we could support finding stable housing or intervening in neighborhoods with high levels of crime and violence to mitigate the potential consequences of those factors).

- You can review the full report here: [A Study of Factors that Affect the Likelihood of Juvenile Justice System Involvement](#)

Highlights: Factors such as CFSA involvement (abuse, neglect, removal from home), grade retention, high levels of unexcused absences, experiencing homelessness, diagnosis of externalizing mental/ behavioral/neurodevelopmental disorders and living on a hot block with high levels of crime or violence were deemed statistically significant predictive factors for juvenile justice system involvement.

Discussion: Mylan encouraged us to think critically about how our culture and goals in the juvenile justice system and the focus on rehabilitating youth. She elevated that for some youth, they have not been habilitated \*not all youth know stability\* and identified that for some youth and families, system involvement may be their first experience of obtaining stability and healthy relationship development.

There were acknowledgements of data limitations and members shared that data reliability was a cause for concern. Members worry about relying on these reports because the quantitative methodology cannot show the holistic picture of how certain individuals are treated (e.g., cannot factor in racism). When statistical methods seek to neutralize factors in the data (pull out one factor and make all other things equal), we lose some important context, such as the reality that some communities are policed or treated differently. CJCC noted that there is a not a good way to account for this kind of treatment (e.g., over-policing of black communities) in the data, and acknowledged this limitation.

However, these reports and how we use this data (e.g., identifying being black as a risk factor) can support conversations about disparate treatment of these populations of youth families (e.g., black, child welfare system involved, etc.).

There was discussion about authority figures and decision makers and their contributions to who becomes system involved and how youth and families are treated.

One resource that was highlighted for those want to learn more about the disparate treatment issue and race as a factor in decision making was "Locking Up Our Own" - James Forman (<https://www.amazon.com/Locking-Up-Our-Own-Punishment/dp/0374189978>)

<p>Policy and Legislative: PINS Subcommittee Update</p>	<p>Update from PINS Subcommittee (<i>Sheila Clark, Committee Co-Chair, LaShelle Richmond, Vice Chair and Melissa Milchman</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community-based organization convening exploration</li> <li>• PINS committee is seeking volunteer to create opportunities for coordination and collaboration among community-based youth service providers. The committee is seeking volunteers to take on this next phase of work.</li> <li>• Volunteers: Mylan Barnes, Captain Branch, Jacqueline Wright, Takeyshia Johnson</li> </ul>
<p>Updates and Announcements</p>	<p>Invitation to members, advisors, and partners to share updates, opportunities for collaboration, news, etc.</p> <p>Updates on Youth Justice Action Month can be found here:  <a href="https://ojidp.ojp.gov/events/youth-justice-action-month">https://ojidp.ojp.gov/events/youth-justice-action-month</a></p> <p>Mylan participated in a UDC event called Changing the Culture around Juvenile Justice on Saturday October 29. Brittany Mobley was a featured speaker. Critical discussions around the impacts of gun violence, rehabilitation/habilitation, and creating a new vision for youth accountability were discussed. Participants also explored the importance of maintaining long term supports and relationships that don't disappear when a young person exits system involvement. Mylan was able to speak and share about the YLA and the importance of mobilizing and partnering with youth and young adults.</p> <p>MPD has event coming up on November 8th: Level Up, an event to support high school students prepare for internships, apprenticeships, seasonal employment, part-time employment, and post-graduation employment. This event aims to teach students how to create and maintain a professional resume, search, and apply for jobs online and teach job interview skills. Human Resource professionals from local DC companies will be paired to mentor and work with students at the workshop. Transportation and lunch are being provided.  See attached flyer.</p> <p>Next JJAG Meeting is scheduled for December 6.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>6:01 PM</p>