**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)**

**Virtual Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, February 1, 2021

4:30pm - 6:00pm

**Member Attendance**

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| **Name** | **Present** | **Absent** | **Proxy** |
| 1. **Anderson**, Patrina (Trina)
 | 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 |  |  Jacqueline Wright |
| 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), Suzie Dhere (OVSJG), Kristy Love (Interim Director, CJCC), Michelle Garcia, (OVSJG Director), Tawana Stewart (OVSJG Deputy Director) |
| Guests or Advisory MembersPresent | Julian Brevard, OAGCharty Jones, Access YouthCaitlin Ellsworth, Access YouthOliany Mendez, MCIPCaroline Brown, SW at KIPP DCFloyd Bronson, Restorative DC (School Talk)Laura Harding, Dir. of Strategic Initiatives, Office of Dept. Mayor for EdKevin Whitfield, DC Council Committee on Judiciary and Public SafetyKarida Green, Living ClassroomsD.D. Davis, Private Attorney – PINS and EducationClare Kruger, PDSKapindi Kroma, MCIPKatie Ward, MCIPSandra Baker, MCIPThomas Canavan, National Law Enforcement MuseumSheila Roberson Adams, Deputy Director, CSSDHelen McClure, Office of Dept. Mayor of Public Safety and JusticeJose DeArteaga, DYRS |
| Notes Prepared by | Melissa Milchman, Lisette Burton |

**AGENDA**

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| Welcome | Welcome and Introductions (*Laura Furr, Chair)*  | 17 mins |
| Title II Grantee Spotlights | Charty Jones, Program Director for Access Youth and Oliany Mendez, Program Coordinator for the MCIP Delinquency Prevention Program**Access Youth** – nonprofit, provides support to children in school with a whole student response (truancy supports and restorative justice to avoid suspension, expulsion, and arrest)* Restorative support at Eastern and Ballou high schools
	+ Over 65 restorative interventions this school year
	+ Students who participate in mediations can remain in the program through the duration of their time in school
	+ Referrals come from teachers, family, and/or students
	+ Outcome: reduce further penetration into disciplinary system (suspensions or expulsions) and/or juvenile justice system involvement (arrests)
* Challenges in wake of COVID – to re-engage students after the period of virtual learning, whose social skills were strained during the period of isolation
	+ Program managers are in schools full-time
	+ Trends include increased need and schools falling back into pattern of suspension (as student behavior has been challenging and schools are overwhelmed and short-staffed)
* Positive impact of their four-year model is significant, and students from the Class of 2021, who were engaged as 9th graders, became student leaders, graduated, and are now in college

**MCIP** (Multicultural Career Intern Program) Delinquency Prevention – at Columbia Heights Educational Campus* Tiered intervention approach
	+ Tier I – whole school, lunch groups, monthly awareness campaigns, newsletter
	+ Tier II – classroom interventions, including topics requested by teachers (ex. healthy dating relationships, self-care, pregnancy prevention, emotional regulation)
	+ Tier III – student pull outs, crisis intervention, crisis management, case management (including housing and mental health); utilize motivational interviewing; group and individual counseling
* Three curricula utilized with students focused on healthy relationships, substance abuse prevention/bullying and suicide prevention, and reproductive health)
* Plans to use innovative apps and technology to engage students in the future in mental health supports
* Works with medical providers to bring supports to the school
* Programming also includes activities like afterschool tutoring, sports, and even summers camp programs
 | 40 mins |
| Follow up on critical issues action items | Electronic monitoring: Discussion planned for March meeting (*Brittany Mobley, PDS*)* Preview to JJAG March Meeting: Discussion with Professor Kate Weisberg from GW Law who is a subject matter expert and has done extensive research on electronic monitoring.
* We will explore if this is an area for the JJAG to weigh in with recommendations

Lack of Services for Girls - Commingling barriers discussion (*Facilitated by Melissa Milchman, JJ Specialist*)* 2 major barriers identified to meeting the needs of girls:
	+ Contracting
		- Utilization challenges make it hard for placements to stay open.
		- Beds are tied to agency-specific contracts rather than available to any youth-serving agency.
		- Placement packet process (application for youth to be accepted to a residential treatment center) is arduous and the consequences of denials means prolonged incarceration
		- There is a complicated process of obtaining managed care/Medicated coverage and an approval process to qualify called Obtaining “Level of Care” designation, which is required for certain placement eligibility.
		- The actual contracts have limiting language about which youth can be placed.
		- There are NO local placements (group home or Residential Treatment Facility or Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility) in DC that serve girls. Thus, they are frequently sent out of state or placed in foster care.
		- There are also interstate compact agreement challenges regarding children being placed out of DC.
	+ Laws/Regulations on comingling
		- The DC Code regulation prohibiting commingling is found in § 16–2313. Place of detention or shelter. [§ 16–2313. Place of detention or shelter. | D.C. Law Library (dccouncil.us)](https://code.dccouncil.us/us/dc/council/code/sections/16-2313.html)
		- There are prohibitions on shared placement of pre-adjudicated and post-adjudicated (delinquent and committed) youth.
		- There is no specific prohibition on placements housing both male and female youth (that is a contractual issue)
		- There is a nuance to explore on facilities being deemed for "delinquent youth” – meaning detention facilities like New Beginnings clearly fall within the category of “for delinquent youth” but other types of placements may not be subject to the above law.
* Unintended consequences: prolonged incarceration and unmet needs AND youth incarcerated for a long period of time only to be rejected from all potential placements and then placed in foster care, consider that we could have placed the young person in foster care 1st and start providing services instead.
* Next Steps:
	+ - Craft a request for an OAG opinion clarifying comingling to guidance agency implementation of more flexible placement utilization and contracting.
		- Review Awaiting Placement data to better understand the scope of the problem (how many youth impacted, how long – average length of stay, differences between girls and boys in awaiting placement status, etc.).
		- Review DYRS PREA Policy and related protocols for facilities (addressing sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) protocols for youth in care).
		- Exploring solutions from other jurisdictions

 JJAG Volunteers to support or engage in follow up work: Lisette, Jacqueline and Trina | 23 mins |
| Policy and Legislative: Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Subcommittee Update | Update from Policy and Legislative Committee: PINS Subcommittee (*Sheila Clark, Committee Co-Chair, LaShelle Richmond, Vice Chair and Melissa Milchman*) * Community engagement update – TABLED
* Grant recap - TABLED
* Follow up to decision point memo to DMPSJ – Helen McClure reported that the memo was submitted by OVSJG Director Garcia to DMPSJ for review. We do not yet have a response but will follow up and report out once we hear back.
 | Tabled to March |
| Policy and Legislative: Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Subcommittee Update | Update from Policy and Legislative Committee: RED Subcommittee (*Bruce Wright, Committee Chair*) * Community engagement update/discussion
	+ Planning for $25 stipend per youth or family member participant. The stipend is provided upon completion of the RED committee survey and a facilitated discussion
	+ $5000 cap/set-aside for community engagement stipends
	+ Any sworn JJAG member on the RED committee can approve participants, with Melissa Milchman – JJ Specialist - having final review for approving stipends
* VOTE: Use of JJAG funds for community engagement incentives
	+ motion to approve –
		- Motion to approve made by: Aaron White
		- Seconded by: Penelope Spain
		- Roll Call Vote Tally: 17 yay; 0 no; 0 abstain; the vote passes unanimously (17 present members at the time of vote 6:01 pm; Jamal Holtz was present at the meeting but not for the vote)
 | 10 min |
| Youth Leaders in Action (YLA) Update | Update from Youth Leaders in Action (*Kyla Woods, Youth Chair)** Update on activities
 | Tabled to March |
| JJAG Business | Update on JJAG Business (*Melissa Milchman, JJ Specialist)** Updating the Compliance Manual - new information and next steps
 | Tabled to March |
| Compliance Monitoring Update | Update on Compliance Monitoring (*Kristy Love, CJCC*) | Tabled to March |
| Updates and Announcements | Invitation to members, advisors, and partners to share updates, opportunities for collaboration, news, etc.Lisette shared that a virtual summit is taking place on February 23rd related to behavioral and mental health services for children and youth. Complimentary registration is available for any YLA members. Dr. Bruce Perry is the main keynote, co-author with Oprah Winfrey of the book *What Happened to You?* Interested individuals can learn more and register here - <https://togetherthevoice.org/directcaresummit/>. Next Meeting: March 1, 2022 at 4:30 PM  | 5 mins |
| Adjourn | Adjourned at 6:03 pm |  |