**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

4:30pm - 6:00pm

**Member Attendance**

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| **Name** | | **Present** | **Absent** | **Proxy** |
| 1. **Anderson**, Patrina (Trina) | |  | X |  |
| 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 | Laura Furr |
| 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 |  | Kimberly King |
| 1. **Rosenthal**, David (Dave) | | X |  |  |
| 1. **Spain**, Penelope | | X |  |  |
| 1. **Wheeler- Taylor,** Pamela | | X |  | Commander Godin |
| 1. **White,** Aaron | | X |  |  |
| 1. **Wright**, Bruce | | X |  |  |
| 1. **Woods,** Kyla | | X |  |  |
| Staff Present | Melissa Milchman (OVSJG), Toni Lemons (CJCC), Kristy Love (CJCC), Tawana Stewart (OVSJG) | | | |
| Guests or  Advisory Members  Present | Tyrone Hall – YLA and Community Member/OCA  Sheree DeBerry – Office of Open Government  Chad Foster - OAG  Angela Nivens – CASA DC  Rondell Jordan – Open City Advocates  Jennifer Ubiera – Council for Court Excellence  Kevin Whitfield – DC Council Committee of Judiciary and Public Safety  Asante Laing – CFSA  Jacqueline Wright – CSSD  Jose DeArteaga- DYRS  Caroline Brown – KIPP DC Legacy  Commander Godin – MPD  Captain Branch – MPD  Laura Harding – Deputy Mayor for Ed  Meagan Reed – DMPSJ  Floyd Bronson – School Talk/Restorative DC  Heather McGaffin – Office of Unified Communications  Rachelle Dennis – Martha’s Table | | | |
| Notes Prepared by | Lisette Burton and Melissa Milchman | | | |

**AGENDA**

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| Welcome | Welcome and Introductions (*Laura Furr, Chair)* |
| JJAG Business | Update on JJAG Business (*Melissa Milchman, OVSJG and Toni Lemons, CJCC)*   * Hotline RFA update – no one applied for these funds (to support providers interested in providing technological enhancement that enhance outreach and access to services like text or chat capabilities); will explore how and whether we should make this opportunity available in future RFAs and seek feedback to understand how to do outreach to ensure those who could have benefitted from this funding get connected to the opportunity or other funding streams to actually implement the vision for improved continuum of care! * Compliance Monitoring Manual feedback received from OJJDP -we have until July 8 to submit our revisions. Key changes – language (fixing inconsistencies in OJJDP training and guidance documents) and requested additional details on our monitoring practices, such as how we monitor interstate compact and interest of justice hearings. * Reminder and update: September 13th retreat on RED and Trainings (Race and Equity and Youth Adult Partnerships); there is no August JJAG meeting |
| YLA Update | Update on YLA Activities *(YLA members*)   * Open forum –   + Concerns about affordable housing options presented to young adults     - Cliff after 18 mos. transitional housing and up to 12 mos. rapid rehousing     - Casa Ruby low barrier shelter no longer available   + Concern about inconsistencies across DC providers and sectors in the transition age youth definition (e.g., DBH can serve 16-24, typically child welfare can serve 18-21, others 18-25)– younger children are participating in crimes, older young adults (up to 30) still struggling to navigate adult independence   + Concerns about gun violence in the District – community members are fearful     - Recommendations for jail Young Men Emerging Unit mentorship program – current mentors on the jail block are adults who have been incarcerated for 15+ years who may not be best positioned to understand how to navigate the pressures and challenges in the community now. * Consider what follow-up/ideas: how/what can we do with information shared during open forum?   + Invite Director Linda Harlee-Harper to future JJAG meeting and offer assistance or potential partnership from JJAG   + Trigger Project sponsored an second annual End Gun Violence Conference, where stakeholders discussed tenants of gun violence reduction strategies – a graphic recorder captured information shared, which included high level ideas on what implementation of preventions strategies could look like – Kristy Love shared graphic (see attachment)   + Have a discussion about housing and changes to federal programs – invite experts to share about that, including suggestions for how we can spread the word to the community about what is available and changes to programs that may impact access/wait lists or opportunities for longer stay in certain programs.   + In general, we receive about $350,000 in Title II grantable dollars – consider how partnership could allow JJAG to be a force multiplier and to jumpstart or fill a gap with Title II funds or other resource coordination efforts * OJJDP San Diego Conference – December 2022   + Draft proposal is in process – presentation will be on Youth and Young Adult Partnership; DC will be an example of integrating youth and young adults into the State Advisory Group (SAG) |
| Policy and Legislative: RED Subcommittee Update | Presentation and Discussion from the Office of Unified Communication (*Heather McGaffin, Deputy Director, OUC*)   * + Office of Unified Communication is the City’s 911 and 311 operator agency. Operate 24/7 (main campus is in Ward 8 – Old St. Elizabeth’s campus).   + 5 diversion programs     - Nurse triage line – partnership with DC Fire and EMS (FEMS); sets up medical appointments and transporation/rides through Uber if needed, keeping people out of ambulance and/or ERs who don’t need that level of intervention     - Behavioral Health – Access Helpline 24/7 – alternative to police response for someone in a mental health crisis if caller meets the criteria; 988 will connect to this Access Helpline directly     - Department of Transportation (DDOT) to help support non-injury traffic accidents     - Dept. of Public Works for parking– extra teams for rapid response     - Telephone reporting unit – for issues that do not require a police in-person response but may require a police report (e.g., to report vandalism)       * Includes a team specifically for reports for juveniles missing from groups homes/placement (court-ordered placement violations) * Tours available to the OUC – JJAG will follow up to request a tour * JJAG Discussion Questions: * Pilot DBH Diversion programsat OUC that divert non-emergency calls from MPD to mental health and other services – do they serve youth?   + Currently only diverting calls involving adults over 18 to Access Helpline – MPD is still responsive to calls involving a juvenile, and then MPD brings in CHAMPS or others   + Potentially developing a consortium partnership with Howard to expand capacity to send juvenile calls to Access Helpline   + Criteria includes danger to self and others; crisis response team that responds is non-uniformed and unarmed; but concern about team members being in harm’s way   + Exploring joint response teams – with someone from MPD and DBH   + Training OUC operators regarding how to recognize a mental health emergency * Access Help Line is NOT utilized (or rerouted back to MPD) when there is a safety concern. What does that mean? Danger to self and others, history of being violent or presence of weapons (means to harm). Access Help Line Cannot breach homes/doors or use weapons to respond. They are not equipped to enter a situation where they could be put in harms way. They are trained to deescalate but not in the same way MPD can respond to safety concern situations. * Will 988 cause an increase in calls? These will be answered directly by DBH and the anticipation will likely take a few calls away from 911 (OUC) – Key 988 message – it is ok to not be ok and quickly access mental health care * Juvenile Reporting Unit for facilities – What is it? How does it work? Telephone reporting unit can take reports for youth who do not return home on time for group homes. This is different than when a person is reported missing. * Does this apply to kids in foster care and foster parents? Does this apply to other settings? Shelter homes, Therapeutic care settings? Heather will get more information and report back. * Commander Godin – MPD considers placement violations for any home setting that is court ordered (and not run by CFSA). * We are interested in learning if that applies to group home placements that are not court ordered. * MPD and OUC will follow up to determine specifically which youth are included in this specialized reporting * Juvenile Diversion Programs Potential Best Practice/Ideas   + Response not just to calls to help a specific individual but also creative response to calls regarding congregating young people – not police “breaking up the group” but rather response team to diffuse and respond in constructive way   + Response to human trafficking calls or runaways – connect urgently to long term services and supports     - How to help children who don’t want to go home or don’t feel safe going home, but want option to get away from existing situation * Example in Miami, Florida – airport hubs are a place where need seems greatest   FYI – The OUC have SYEP youth and are open to collaborating and hiring – great entry level job to be a 311 operator!  We will reconnect with Heather about tours and follow up exploratory work on youth diversion opportunities! |
| Policy and Legislative: PINS Subcommittee Update | Update from PINS Subcommittee (*Sheila Clark, Committee Co-Chair, LaShelle Richmond, Vice Chair and Melissa Milchman*)   * Follow up with Mayor’s office and Everyday Counts   + State Board of Education meeting on July 20th to consider rule changing attendance definition for partial day attendance   + August Everyday Counts Policy meeting – JJAG will present regarding Education Resolution and PINS report – contact Melissa to get a meeting invitation * Summer convening exploration   + Create forum for community-based organizations to share what they are seeing and doing on the ground |
| Youth Partnership Learning Network Report Out | Report out on youth engagement by SAGs in the Coalition for Juvenile Justice’s Youth Partnership Learning Network (Laura Furr, Chair)   * Partnership and youth engagement is something that other state advisory groups routinely struggle with * Where are we in DC in the context of this national landscape? * Pros: we have a youth committee, and it works independently and reports back to the SAG and is supported. DC is unique in having a youth co-chair for the whole body * IOWA SAGs youth committee did listening sessions with youth in facilities in their state and learned that there was a lack of culturally appropriate hygiene products available to youth. They worked with a law school and proposed policy changes regarding what should be provided, and the SAG approved the language and is being recommended to the governor there. * Wish list and Opportunities - We do not have authority to appoint a mayoral/governor’s representative to improve the appointment process. Other states have or are working on identifying a state agency leader who can be given the power to appoint new members rather than through the governor’s office or in our case, the Mayor’s office of Talent and Appointments. States are trying to implement – only one has been successful. * Engaging incarcerated youth – we do not do this well. Washington State does this well. * The group is working on a guide to youth compensation – Laura will share this and other written documents that come from this learning collaborativ * JJAG feedback: Can we consider increasing the amount we pay our youth? Yes, we are considering this with the JJAG exec committee. We have a bifurcated system now (in person vs. phone/virtual appearance). We are going to talk about just paying a higher amount for any engagement in the future. |
| Updates and Announcements | Invitation to members, advisors, and partners to share updates, opportunities for collaboration, news, etc.  CFSA is always seeking paid internship opportunities for youth in foster care ages 16-21. Feel free to email in the event you are willing to work with any CFSA youth @ [asante.laing@dc.gov](mailto:asante.laing@dc.gov)  DC Family Court has a new program – Post-Disposition Representation Panel will ensure committed youth continue to receive legal representaion throughout their committment-more details coming soon  Federal Gun Law**: Bipartisan Safer Communities Act**  *Signed into law June 25, 2022*  You can find a summary of the law [here](https://www.murphy.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/bipartisan_safer_communities_act_one_pager.pdf). There are significant investments in mental health services that may help to fund recommendations related to the PINS Report. There is also a provision related to juvenile criminal and mental health records that may impact how juvenile records are stored and shared state by state.  Different states have different laws and approaches to sending records to National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). This [resource from Everytown](https://everytownresearch.org/report/fatal-gaps/#:~:text=Mental%20health%20record%20reporting%20by,over%20531%2C000%20to%20nearly%204%2C973%2C000.) is informative to understanding how mental health records are submitted to the NICS Indices, and they include a state by state breakdown of number of records sent, including DC.  18 USC § 922 (d) outlines the 9 categories of records that should be submitted to the [NICS Indices](https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/active_records_in_the_nics-indices.pdf/view), one of three federal databases that comprise the complete NICS system. The NICS Indices includes information contributed by federal and state agencies identifying persons prohibited from possessing firearms who may not be identified in the other criminal databases (III and NCIC). **Title II Section 12001 of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act will have a sweeping effect, adding juvenile records to each category.**   * Previously, the “federal mental health prohibitor” category ([see explanatory background](https://www.nixonpeabody.com/en/ideas/blog/data-privacy/2018/02/28/can-mental-health-information-be-shared-with-the-nics)) was narrowly tailored for adults. It includes adults who have been: involuntarily committed to a psychiatric facility; found by a court or other authority to be a danger to self or others due to mental illness; found guilty but mentally ill, not guilty by reason of insanity, or incompetent to stand trial; or appointed a guardian due to mental illness. ([27 CFR 478.11](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-27/chapter-II/subchapter-B/part-478/subpart-B/section-478.11)). * In contrast, there are not directly analogous systems for children regarding insanity, mental competency, etc. that would create a narrow population for NICS juvenile mental health records reporting.     Questions: Does the new federal statute overide our local expungement statute in DC? Seems like it is optional for the states to contribute to the records repository and would not override our laws.  How do we get in front of the impact? Will there be pressure here? Who can we ask? Could be something that the RED committee works on (or a group of the RED committee members). We should also explore what DC is already sending to federal respository – Penelope, Lisette, and Aaron are interested in working on this. Commder Godin, Toni, DBH, and others could be great partners.  Next meeting September 13th Retreat – we are looking for locations, feel free to suggest. We will look into the MLK Library – other suggestions welcome! Email Melissa with ideas (melissa.milchman@dc.gov) |
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