**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)**

**Virtual Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, October 5, 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. **DiToro,** Jennifer
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Eismann,** Audrey
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Furr**, Laura
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Goodman,** Jonah
 | X |  | Laura Furr |
| 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 |  | Jose DeArteaga |
| 1. **Woods,** Kyla
 | X |  |  |
| Staff Present | Melissa Milchman, Suzie Dhere and Michelle Garcia (OVSJG)Kristy Love (CJCC) |
| Guests or Advisory MembersPresent | Kevin Whitfield (DC Council Judiciary and Public Safety Committee)Kayla Little – DDS/RSADD Davies – Community Member Guest – CJA AttorneyDamian Johnson – DDS/RSACaroline Brown – KIPP DCHelen McClure - DMPSJClare Kruger PDSTiffany Reid Collazo PDSMark Jackson – CSSD – Deputy DirectorRonald DuBrew – CSSD – Deputy DirectorK Watkins-Laws – CSSD – Child Guidance ClinicNaike - Jacqueline Wright -CSSD – Deputy DirectorTiana Davis – Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP)Tierra Copeland – UDC Law ClinicRaChelle Dennis- Family Advocate – Community memberAmber Hewitt – DC Chief Equity OfficerNataly Del Valle – DYRS Peer Youth AdvocatePranav Nanda – Ward 6 Mutual Aid Serve Your CitySheila Roberson- Adams – CSSDAnn Reilly – CFSA |
| Notes Prepared by | Melissa Milchman  |

**AGENDA**

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| Welcome | Welcome and Introductions (*Laura Furr, Chair)*  |
| JJAG Business | Update on JJAG Business (*Melissa Milchman, JJ Specialist)** *FY22 Grant Award Updates (Title II Awards and Local Snapshot)*
* *OJJDP State Relations and Assistance Division Conference Save the Date (11/8-11/10)*
* *Coalition for Juvenile Justice Collaborations (Jail Removal Webinar on Sept. 30 and research support for alternatives to probation – October 5)*
* *JJAG Annual Membership Agreement – will be sent via email to members to review and sign – due by November JJAG Meeting*
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| Compliance Update | Update on Compliance Monitoring (*Kristy Love, CJCC)**CM Position is posted – September 22 – October 12 – position is open for candidates to apply @ careers.dc.gov**TIMELINE for Compliance Monitoring Activities and Reporting for FY22**Data comes in on a quarterly basis (MPD)**End of fiscal year data expected in October – Update coming in November**Compliance site visits occur January – February**Data Analysis occurs for DSO violations January to March**RED Tables and Compliance Updates will be ready to share in March* |
| Policy and Legislative Committee Updates; PINS;Youth Leaders in Action; and RED  | Updates and Community Engagement Planning Discussion(*Laura Furr, Chair*)Community Engagement Planning – Live Editing of DocumentPins met with RSA to connect them to our proposed reform work YLA met with pathways to power eastern high students interested in justiceGw law rethinking policing class might be good for YLA connectionLive editing exercise of community engagement plan document took feedback and made edits. Access the document [here.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/132bLvT6ErHahuJ6XIZdSz4_vBoSRBzSjU4E9XVmuadc/edit)Highlighted additional contactsFree MindsBARJ centersWashington Hospital Teen Alliance Program Achievement CentersDC DoorsGearing up/PhoenixArena Stage and theaters |
| Discussion: Current critical issues | Updates from agencies, service providers and youth leaders on critical issues they are facing in their work* Sparking the conversation: Kristy Love, CJCC, LaShelle Richmond, Sasha Bruce Youthwork and others.
* Sasha Bruce Youthwork – Serves at risk youth and families. LaShelle manages the credible messenger program. Mentoring to transform risky behaviors. Credible messengers are returning citizens with lived experience and similar backgrounds to the youth they serve at DYRS. They also provide Family Engagement and supports.
* Pandemic created a lot of trauma – Sasha Bruce worked to increase access to mental health supports
* Parents needed employment - more connections to jobs
* Bilingual staff! Sasha Bruce employs two bi-lingual staff members to increase and enhance cultural awareness for various communities served
* Kids Wanted to do SYEP and DYRS workforce development – wanted JOBS – helped deter risky behavior activities
* CJCC – Juvenile Justice Committee Priorities – PPT Presentation
* JJC has bi-monthly meetings and 3 sub-committees (Data, RJ and Joint Supervision)
* 2021 Priorities Highlights– Reduce Gun Violence – and Post-covid operations planning
* Root Cause Analysis Follow Up – 4-part webinar series held this past year
* Prevention repeated contact with JJ system youth
* Better understanding youth with violent and gun-related offenses
* Establishing a PRTF in the District –
* Key Analysis CJCC is or will be doing– Juveniles with Repeated System involvement (Highlights – Juveniles with 3+ arrests in 12 months – there were 10 youth in that cohort and JJC is taking a deep dive into those case studies and Root Cause Analysis Part 2 – pro-social factors that help avoid system involvement)
* Key Data points CJCC reviewed in recent months – January – August 2021 – 992 youth arrests (79% male and 94% black) 16 year olds are most common and then 17 and 15 year olds
* Most Common Charges – Weapons Violations, Release Violations/Fugitive, Property Crimes, Robbery and Simple Assault
* Fewer violent charges YTD compared to 2020 and 2019
* Fewer weapons charges YTD compares to 2020 and about the same as 2019
* Questions: Is occurrence decreasing or just arrests?
* Simple Assault may have decreased due to virtual learning (kids not in schools and SA charges are commonly school based)
* Violence interrupters are focused on adults – could we expand to youth – there are crew related issues among youth – juveniles are a significant proportion of shooters and victims (Fun Fact from Jose DeArteaga – VI work for youth just got added to Connecticut’s State plan for Medicaid)

Jonah Goodman ANC Ward 4 – Critical issues – community perspective – budgeting and funding and legislative support is needed to support this work on gun violence. It is very difficult to get information to the community about the resources and programs that are out there. ANC has no budget power, but as gun violence increases, the pressure is felt to revert proactive policies that prevent system involvement for kids. The second there is a shooting, the conversation turns to “get him off the street and lock him up”. The allies in the group are critical in those conversations. It is so easy for communities to block things (there was a n attempt to bring a BARJ to my community), but communities often misunderstand the value and spread fear and misinformation that it would result in bringing crime to the community. We don’t want this to turn back to increased policing. It is hard to push back on misunderstanding and emotional responses, rather than rely on research and data! Can we get the research and data into the community in a digestible way? |
| Updates and Announcements | Invitation to members, advisors, and partners to share updates, opportunities for collaboration, news, etc.October is Youth Justice Action Month - sign up for activities here <http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/yjam/>Flag for YLA and all the opportunity for compensated ($100) short videos from youth (24 and under) about suggestions for justice reform - see direct link here https://www.act4jj.org/sites/default/files/resource-files/YJAM%20Script.pdf<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/09/30/a-proclamation-on-national-youth-justice-action-month-2021/>Redifinition of Child Hearing Thursday - <https://www.dccouncil.us/event/judiciary-public-safety-public-hearing-37/>Barbara Paulsen and Trina Anderson – good POCs for PRTF committee if you want to get involved – email TrinaNext meeting Wednesday Nov 3 at 4:30 via WebEx (Tuesday November 2 is Election Day). |
| Adjourn |  |