**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)**

**Virtual Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, November 3, 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 | |  |  |  |
| 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 |  | Chad Foster |
| 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, Linda Irizarry | | | |
| Guests or  Advisory Members  Present | Tyrone Hall- Open City Advocates  Tiffany Reid Collazo – PDS  Clare Kruger – PDS  Mae Quinn- UDC Law  Helen McClure – DMPSJ  RaChelle Dennis- Community Member/Martha’s Table  Jose DeArteaga – DYRS  Erin Cullen -OAG  Naike Savain DC Justice Lab. | | | |
| Notes Prepared by | Melissa Milchman and Lisette Burton | | | |

**AGENDA**

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| Welcome | Welcome and Introductions (*Kyla Woods, Youth Chair)* |
| JJAG Business | Update on JJAG Business (Melissa Milchman, JJ Specialist)   * FY22 Membership Agreements Due – you will receive an email from Melissa if you have not submitted one yet * Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention SRAD Conference Nov 8-10 –   + JJAG members can attend – email Melissa Milchman so she can support your registration; the conference is free and takes place next week noon to 5PM each day. * Coalition for Juvenile Justice Membership Dues Vote – Vote to allocate 5,000 to renew members * Learn more about CJJ membership benefits for State Advisory Groups here: <https://www.juvjustice.org/sites/default/files/ckfinder/files/one-pager%20SAG%20members(1).pdf> * Brittany Mobley Moved to vote; Seconded by Bruce Wright and Penelope Spain * ROLL CALL VOTE RECORD * Brittany Mobley– Yes * LaShelle Richmond – Yes * Bruce Wright– Yes * Chad Foster (Proxy for Dave Rosenthal)– Yes * Lisette Burton– Yes * Commander Pamela Wheeler-Taylor – Yes * Audrey Eismann– Yes * Sheila Clark– Yes * Kyla Woods– Yes * Penelope Spain – Yes * Trina Anderson– Yes * Unanimous - 11 voting members present and 11 yes votes – passes (time of vote 5:14 PM) |
| Policy and Legislative: PINS Subcommittee Update | Update from Policy and Legislative Committee: PINS Subcommittee (*Sheila Clark and LaShelle Richmond, Committee Co-Chairs*)  Update on budget enhancement request and goals for the PINS Subcommittee   * Update on budget enhancement request and goals for the PINS Subcommittee   + Priorities include funding for a text capable hotline for FY23   + Deadline to submit Enhancement is November 12th   + Budget Enhancement Process: Director Garcia and Budget Review Team (BRT) will review all requests in December – OVSJG’s request is scheduled for review on Dec. 3rd; then recommendation is made to the Mayor, then to Council, with a final answer about budget requests in April or May of 2022.   PINS Transmittal Memo Status: PINS Committee revised and submitted the updated flow charts on truancy and runaway alternative responses and provided responses to anticipated questions or concerns. This information was submitted OVSJG Director Michelle to transmit to Deputy Mayor Geldart (Public Safety and Justice). |
| Policy and Legislative: RED Subcommittee Update | Update from Policy and Legislative Committee: RED Subcommittee (*Bruce Wright, Committee Chair and Kyla Woods, Youth Chair*)  Update and discussion of draft Goals and Strategies following consensus calls   * Handout - Next Steps following Consensus Calls with Agencies Voting “No” or Abstaining on Draft RED Goals and Strategies – Review of areas of concern or changes in language * New Language Additions – added language on protecting youth confidentiality * Hesitancy expressed around strategy recommendation to declare White Supremacy a public health threat – concern was not wanting to reflect a message that all white people are white supremacists. * Responses/Suggestion was to reach out to DC Chief Equity Officer Amber Hewitt to help us strengthen the language. Or utilize language already adopted by the CDC. * Strategy - Engage adolescent development experts to update Miranda Rights –Concerns were expressed about this leading to retrials and how would this affect MPDs current policy and practice. * Strategy – Guarantee access to council for any custodial interrogation * Active legislation pending around these last two strategies (may be moot point if this passes) - B24-306, the “Youth Rights Amendment Act of 2021. See more here: [B24-0306 - Youth Rights Amendment Act of 2021 (dccouncil.us)](https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B24-0306)   Youth Engagement Efforts for the RED Committee – A Youth Survey is in development and will be provided directly to young people to get input on JJAG RED goals. Brittany/Aaron/Caroline are leading that effort and are hoping to have it done next week. The committee will share once completed. | |
| Discussion: Current critical issues | Discussion of critical issues raised so far by JJAG members: Which of these issues is the JJAG (or individual members) best positioned to address? (*LaShelle Richmond, Vice Chair*)   * Lack of services for girls   + Challenge of sustaining services because the number of girls in need change (providers can’t sustain operation when there are no girls to serve, particularly in group home/residential, when paid for services on a per diem/child basis)   + OCP requirements on contracting and utilization is more of a wholesale model (purchasing slots per year based on estimated need and past utilization data), rather than on retainer for as needed utilization.   + This limits what we can offer or use in terms of contracted providers– only what we have an active contract for (limited menu of options).   + Providers also have to maintain insurance (expensive) even if they do not get any funding (lack of utilization) – cost prohibitive.   + Thus, most services are outside the District   + Contracts are anchored in Agency, but anchoring contracts with the District would allow more flexible utilization   + Commingling issues (youth under CFSA vs. DYRS care cannot be in same placement).   + OCP needs to re-envision what flexibility may be permissible in contracting, particularly in the use of single case contracts   + Engagement with OCP, including examples from flexibility in other jurisdictions, could be helpful   + Change in contracting/procurement could also support the goal of individualizing services   + JJAG could make recommendations to OCP   + Need strategies to increase use of technology to address access to support services or meet youth where they are   + OAG Guidance would be helpful about what commingling means and what the rules are so that there is no agency-by- agency interpretation of what the rules are.   + Another challenge is that every agency or organization needs their own agreement to place a young person. So if DYRS obtains medical necessity that enables Medicaid medical care providers to pay for a youth to be placed somewhere AND that medical care provider has a contract to place a youth, DYRS still needs its OWN contract with the placement provider, even though they are not going to be the paying party.   + The current system incentivizes us to default to incarceration. Youth wait for placement for 90 days at YSC just to be placed in a facility that has the services that meet their needs for 30-days because we are figuring out the contracting or placement availability issues. * Reviewing the effectiveness of ankle monitors vs. cost of stigma in community   + Ankle monitor is a constant reminder of “criminal” label without adding any value to the individual – poor substitute for supervision   + Need more parameters and checks and balances, and should not be universally applied – meant to be a temporary, therapeutic tool not a compliance tool or replacement for good/creative supervision.   + Not clear what value it provides or how youth can get – often redundant   + GPS is not therapeutic! It helps us know where someone is but does not do anything for the youth – it is jewelry. It is supposed to be temporary but comes with a huge stigma.   + Youth who have experienced being on GPS monitoring call it a form of slavery – forcing them to be somewhere or face repercussions or incarceration.   + Should not be utilized for kids not placed in DC (current practice).   + Also over utilized instead of holding group homes or other parties responsible for providing the level or support or services needed to help youth want to be where they are supposed to be.   + Considerations for JJAG - Can we fund an alternative? Or make a recommendation to the mayor or relevant justice agencies.   + Creative technologies are also out there that are not as bulky as a box – Bluetooth or wi-fi enabled. The goal would be to spark more creative ways of tracking and engaging BUT STILL SHOULD NOT REPLACE solid supervision and care   + Messaging matters- any technology used needs to be used for INFORMATION purposes and not for punishment. Remember the purpose of the intervention is to collect data NOT replace supervision and care responsibilities.   + JJAG could support this framing and make a recommendations * Extraordinary trauma experienced by youth during pandemic and a lack of mental health services   + There are many youths with diagnosed disorders, co-occurring disorders, and mental health needs. DC does not provide enough supports and services virtually or in ways that are easier to access or closer to the home communities of those they serve.  Services also need to be delivered in a way that will get and keep the attention of the recipient.   + MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE! * Reducing gun violence   + Many other coordinated efforts to address gun violence are under way –Building Blocks spoke to JJAG over the summer, but we may want to follow up on current efforts to learn how the initiative is rolling out and determine how the JJAG can support   + When gun violence incidents occur the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) is responsible for sending responders to support the community impacted. Violence interrupters will be expanded over the next year to support this work.   + Example of creative solutions occurring in the state of Connecticut who achieved Medicaid State Plan and coverage ability to fund violence interrupters and homelessness prevention services with Medicaid dollars – Jose (DYRS) and Jen Snow (Court Social Services Division) are going to meeting with CT to learn more about how they did that and how they plan to operationalize it.   + There needs to be more agency accountability to be inclusive of youth and family serving agencies at the table when creating strategies or implementing interventions around gun violence. * Focus on youth with multiple arrests * Need for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in DC   Rapidly available and publicly accessible data to support educating the community   * + DYRS reopened the Journey Unit – this related to lack of PRTF and lack of services for young women. When the current cohort finishes their treatment, that unit will go back to being empty (fluctuation of need and use is an issue). |
| Updates and Announcements | Invitation to members, advisors, and partners to share updates, opportunities for collaboration, news, etc. |
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