**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)**

**Virtual Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, December 7, 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 |  | Julian Brevard - |
| 1. **Spain**, Penelope | | X |  |  |
| 1. **Wheeler- Taylor,** Pamela | | X |  | Captain Kentish – |
| 1. **White,** Aaron | | X |  |  |
| 1. **Wright**, Bruce | | X |  |  |
| 1. **Woods,** Kyla | | X |  |  |
| Staff Present | Melissa Milchman (OVSJG), Kristy Love (CJCC) | | | |
| Guests or  Advisory Members  Present | Adanna Mbanugo (MOTA)  Booker Roary (MOTA)  Eddie Lindler (DHS)  Michelle Garcia (OVSJG)  Clare Kruger (PDS)  Karida Green (Living Classrooms Foundation)  Helen McClure (DMPSJ)  Mae Quinn (UDC Law)  Nataly Del Valle (YLA)  Julian Brevard (OAG)  Kevin Whitfield (DC Council – Judiciary and Public Safety Committee)  Naike Savain (DC Justice Lab)  Tawana Stewart (OVSJG)  Jose DeArteaga (DYRS)  Laura Harding (EDC, DME)  Caroline Brown (KIPP DC) | | | |
| Notes Prepared by | Melissa and Lisette | | | |

**AGENDA**

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| Welcome | Welcome and Introductions (*Laura Furr, Chair)* |
| JJAG Business | Update on JJAG Business (*Melissa Milchman, JJ Specialist)*   * Title II Grant Award Announcements * JJAG will have supported OVSJG in awarding about $1 million in funds in FY22 – YAY!!! * Current Grantees include: Access Youth Restorative Justice in Schools, Multicultural Career Intern Program Delinquency Prevention at CHEC, CJCC Compliance Monitoring and RED Coordination, Courtney’s House Child’s Key to Freedom, FAIR Girls, Inc. Empowerment and Education Project, Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop Incarcerated Youth Book Club and Youth Rehabilitation Act Education Project, and Open City Advocates Defense of Youth under DYRS Supervision Project * Update on Title II Compliance Requirements – OJJDP put all FY21 awards on hold until new Compliance Guidance is issued. They are scheduled to share new guidance on December 15. DC is in a good position and expects to have minimal updates to our compliance monitoring manual and related processes based on the new guidance because we recently did a major overhaul in 2019/2020 of our manual. OJJDP will accept updated compliance manual submissions on a rolling basis. * NONE of our grant awards will be affected by the delay in the FY21 Title II Award. * Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments - MOTA Swearing in Re-appointments for: Terri Odem, Penelope Spain, Shyra Gregory, Jenise Patterson, Laura Furr, Jamal Holtz, Lisette Burton, Patrina Anderson, Audrey Eismann, LaShelle Richmond, Sheila Clark, Jonah Goodman, and Brittany Mobley. AND NEW MEMBER appointment: Nataly Del Valle (youth member) |
| Compliance Monitoring Update | Update on Compliance Monitoring (*Kristy Love, CJCC*)   * FY2021 Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) data – * PPT Presentation from CJCC – * Uses EZ Pop 2020 data of 0-17 population in DC to determine the denominator – this is what OJJDP requires. * Data is reviewed across 5 touch points of the system (arrest, diversion, detention, secure confinement, and adult transfer) * Black youth make up 94+% at every touch point * Disparities are still high for black and brown youth * However, the overall numbers of system involved individuals are decreasing year to year- and this is good news and aligned with the Districts RED GOALS * Highlights: arrests are significantly trending down since * Trends in charges of youth – significant decreases in violations of court order arrests and simple assault arrests * Weapons violations are up though\* * Diversions have not really changed over the last several years * Secure detentions trending down/declined * Title 16 cases trending down/declined * While the disparities (percentages) don’t look good, we are seeing fewer numbers of youth engaged at each touch point of the system. We are very happy to see fewer youth penetrating the system! * Update on hiring a new Compliance Monitor – phone interviews were completed, and CJCC is moving toward final round of virtual/WebEx interviews. Planning to make a hiring decision by January and hoping for a start date in February. |
| 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*)   * Potential funding streams update: budget enhancement request and grant –OVSJG reviewed proposed budget needs and developed a plan to use Title II dollars to support the PINS Committee Enhancement Request to dedicate funding to organizations with crisis hotlines to expand to text capability. OVSJG will work with JJAG to advise in Spring RFA process. * No update on PINS Transmittal Memo to Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and Justice   OVSJG with support of DHS and the PINS Committee won a Title V Grant Award from OJJDP to work on targeted Delinquency Prevention for the next 5 years – The proposal was aligned with the JJAG PINS Recommendations Report. OVSJG and DHS will work together to strategically expand PASS with a goal of reducing system involvement for youth by providing intensive community-based interventions.   * PINS Committee is working on outreach and engagement with new partners (not already at the table – e.g., Urban Institute) – email LaShelle if you would like to support this effort (lrichmond@sashabruce.org). |
| Policy and Legislative: Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Subcommittee Update | Update from Policy and Legislative Committee: RED Subcommittee (*Bruce Wright, Committee Chair*)   * RED Youth Surveys – A small group called the Youth Survey Committee completed a survey and collected feedback from committee members. * The RED Youth Survey asks about youth perceptions of those with a badge or gun (law enforcement). It asks about their interactions with law enforcement in schools and communities. * YLA tested the survey with DYRS peers and received additional feedback. * Aaron is going to distribute the survey at Zoe’s Doors to test further with other youth peers. * The Committee plans to also have high school students take surveys and have a discussion with Committee Members. This will be facilitated in partnership with RED Committee Member Caroline Brown, who is a school social worker at KIPP DC Somerset Academy. * The survey draft will be shared with the JJAG for review. The committee may also ask for support in distribution * The Committee is also working to enhance distribution efforts by obtaining a QR code, so youth can fill it out electronically and data can be easily maintained in a digital format. * In addition, the RED Committee is considering contracting with Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP) – the committee is waiting on proposal from them to support the RED Committee in the development of recommendations and related report drafting efforts. * If the committee would like to move forward with contracting, JJAG will need to vote to allocate funding for this effort from the available JJAG budget allocation. |
| Youth Leaders in Action (YLA) Update | Update from Youth Leaders in Action (*Kyla Woods, Youth Chair)*   * Update on activities – YLA met in person at DYRS in November * The Committee added a new member - Mylan Barnes * YLA is scheduled to meet with the Center for Coordinated Assistance to States (CCAS) in December. CCAS heard about the great work happening in DC and reached out with a request to talk about YLA. In addition, YLA will have the opportunity to learn about what kind of Technical Assistance CCAS offers and see how technical assistance can apply to the work of YLA. * YLA is also working on petition to help with a call to action on the PINS Committee work that can be distributed to other peer groups and with other advocacy bodies. |
| Follow up on critical issues discussion | Update on action items from last month’s discussion of critical issues raised by JJAG members: (*Laura Furr, Chair*)   * Consider ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for JJAG’s potential role educating the public about what works to reduce youth engaging in criminalized behaviors * Members expressed general support for creating an ad hoc committee and noted that YLA membership and engagement will be key as well * JJAG members noted that there is an important need to educate and connect the dots about what systems do and what supports are available to community members and youth in DC (cross-system education). * Members suggested education incorporate Social Media use   QUESTIONS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MIGHT CONSIDER:   * What are the best ways to reach the general public? * What is JJAG’s role and what are our boundaries? No lobbying * How would we do this?   IDEAS: Create tools to have others share or distribute? Or have the JJAG members do the outreach themselves (a combo of both)?  \*\*\*Possible engagement of the Spark Action group to support us in development a marketing campaign and tool kit   * How would this work connect to JJAG’s role in advising the Mayor? Any education efforts would be reported to the mayor   JJAG Vote on creation of an ad committee:   * VOTE PURPOSE: To create an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for JJAG’s potential role educating the public about what works to reduce youth engaging in criminalized behaviors   Motion: Jen DiToro  Second: Bruce Wright  Vote Roll Call Tally:  15 members present – unanimous yes – Vote 5:57 PM  Votes:  Patrina Anderson: Yes  Lisette Burton: Yes  Sheila Clark: Yes  Nataly Del Valle: Yes  Jennifer DiToro: Yes  Audrey Eismann: Yes  Laura Furr: Yes  Brittany Mobley: Yes  Jo Patterson: Yes  LaShelle Richmond: Yes  Penelope Spain: Yes  Pamela Wheeler-Taylor/Captain Kevin Kentish Proxy: Yes  Bruce Wright: Yes  Aaron Wright: Yes  Kyla Woods: Yes  Volunteers to serve on the committee: Aaron, Brittany, Lisette, Jose, Kyla, and Jo |
| Adjourn | 6:00 PM  Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 4:30 PM  Happy Holidays to all! |