



CO Juvenile Justice Reform Committee: SB19-108

October 27, 2020, 1-3 (Zoom)

Minutes

Update from Diversion Working Group and Motions:

- Kirsta Britton presented an update from the working group on the initial implementation of the ARNA screening tool. Six (6) sites were selected to participate in the initial implementation phase – 2nd, 11th, 18th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd judicial districts. These sites have begun initial implementation and data collection.

Update from Outcome Measures Working Group

- Dr. Erin Crites shared system performance measures that the JJRC will vote on during the November meeting. The measures will be required to be reported annually by each agency, as each agency captures these data separately. The reports will be publically available. Since each system uses a different risk assessment instrument, the measures in the supervision and needs categories are flexible to fit the context of each system. The intention behind the collection and reporting of these data is not to compare populations, but there could be an interagency subgroup formed in the future to review and discuss measures on a regular basis.
- The working group is developing a plan to collect service provider measures across systems. The group will present a short- and long-term plan with suggestions around how to build agency and provider capacity to collect such data.

Update from Judicial

- Shawn Cohn provided an update on the development of the juvenile probation standards and implementation of the YLS risk assessment instrument and related policies. The risk assessment implementation committee has identified implementation pilot districts (1st, 2nd, 20th, and 22nd judicial districts) for the YLS. Introductory sessions have been conducted with each pilot district. Full YLS training is taking place in November with additional stakeholder engagement.
- Shawn shared the draft juvenile risk assessment summary report template that will be used prior to sentencing, and submitted to the court to inform terms and conditions and length of stay in probation. The case plan template was also shared, which incorporates more short-term goals for youth, and uses youths' strengths and supports to build the case plan. The goal is to pilot these tools/policies and the YLS assessment starting on January 1, 2021.
- The juvenile probation standards were shared with the JJRC for feedback, and the goal is to have the standards ready for the Chief Justice's review by November 17, for implementation on July 1, 2021.
- Judicial is also developing a best practices manual for juvenile probation.

Update from DYS and CYDC

- Anders Jacobson and Carl Blake provided an update on DYS' progress on implementation activities. DYS started training and piloting of the YASI assessment instrument in the southern region, with a full statewide implementation goal of May 2021. They are also working on developing a length of stay matrix/guidelines that will be implemented in coordination with the assessment tool in May 2021. The LOS matrix and release guidelines will be shared with the JJRC for feedback later this Fall along with an overview of the YASI policy.
- An update was also provided on CYDC activities. The new kinship policy and form template was shared for feedback, along with draft funding priorities for the CYDC. Both of these, along with the revised JDSAG detention screening instrument will be presented to the CYDC Advisory Board in December.
- The group requested three follow up presentations/conversations at the November meeting:
 - Presentation from Perry May on alignment with Family First policies
 - Invitation to Gretchen Russo to discuss how the court will determine kinship and who does the investigation
 - Presentation from Dr. Gina Vincent to walk through the revised JDSAG tool and accompanying policy

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 1:00-3:00pm MT