



CO Juvenile Justice Reform Committee: SB19-108

December 22, 2020, 1-3 (Zoom)

Minutes

Update from Diversion Working Group

- Kirsta provided a brief update on the initial implementation of the ARNA screening tool and the proposed timeline for full statewide implementation.

Update from Outcome Measures Working Group

- Josh Weber, CSG, provided an update from the outcomes measures working group in Erin's absence and presented a plan for the collection of shared system provider measures for the JJRC's approval. The plan is based on feedback obtained from providers on obstacles and opportunities for meeting legislative requirements. The three-phased, multi-year plan allows for time for education and the development of a data platform to capture outcome data, a pilot phase to begin collecting outcome data and test feasibility of data collection, and a statewide expansion, evaluation, and reporting phase that would be ongoing. The JJRC voted to approve the plan by a motion from Dan Makelky and a second from Amanda Pennington.

Update from Judicial

- Shawn Cohn provided an update on the YLS and MAYSI training, and she indicated that Judicial will start the pilot of the YLS in January. They are also in the final stages of developing the juvenile probation standards and will then send the standards to the Chief Probation Officers working group for review.

Update from DYS and CYDC

- Carl Blake provided an update on the YASI initial implementation process in the southern region, and the plan for full statewide implementation of the assessment tool, related policies, and support tools. Al Estrada provided an overview of the revised LOS policy and the to be developed release criteria, and the goal of linking these tools/policies with risk and treatment needs. The LOS and release criteria will not be used until full YASI implementation. Questions from JJRC members included:
 - Is DYS still going to examine racial bias issues with YASI? Yes, still examining the issue by looking at emerging research with regard to the tool and will continue to monitor and make any necessary adjustments.
 - What are youths' rights during the LOS determination process? Youth have the right to appeal extensions of the LOS, and youth are present at all meetings where the LOS is discussed and a determination is being made. Additionally, all client

managers and behavioral health staff will receive training on how to talk to youth about the LOS.

- How are victim's rights/perspectives taken into account? This policy won't change procedural policies through the VRA. Victims will receive confirmation that youth was held accountable and has met their treatment needs.
- Matt Friesen shared that the JDSAG Advisory Group approved the approach the JDSAG working group presented on field testing and piloting the revised instrument in January, followed by full implementation and validation. The new kinship form will be used starting in January.

Next Steps

- JJRC meetings will move to quarterly in 2021, with the same day/time