



## **CO Juvenile Justice Reform Committee: SB19-108**

**September 22, 2020, 1-3 (Zoom)**

### **Minutes**

**Committee Members Attending:** Adam Zarrin, Senator Lee, Judge Walker, Magistrate Dumler, Anders Jacobson, Joe Thome, Perry May, Tariq Sheikh, Sarah Ericson, Sara Strufing, Stacie Colling, Elaina Shively, Kirsta Britton, Sheri Danz, Amanda Pennington, Allison Boyd, Dan Makelky, Lanie Meyers-Mireles, Elise Logemann, Shawn Cohn, Tobin Wright, Jenifer Morgen, Lorenzo Allen

**Staff Attendees:** Kelly Abbott, Kate Ferebee, Anna Lopez, Yael Coley-Greene, Josh Weber, Nina Salomon

**Guests:** Erin Crites, Tom Harbaugh, Nina Salomon, Josh Weber, Adair (Sen. Lee – Intern), Moe Clark

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#### **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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> judicial districts. The working group is finalizing a procedural guidance document for the initial implementation, and will be conducting training on the ARNA for the selected sites on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The initial implementation phase will take place over the course of 6 months, with a goal of including data on approximately 500 youth. Recidivism checks, using arrests and referrals, will be conducted. During this phase, all youth will be screened, including youth where a decision to divert has already occurred, F1 and F2 cases, in order to determine cutoff scores on the tool for Colorado.

#### **Update from Outcome Measures Working Group**

- Dr. Erin Crites provided a brief update to the JJRC. The working group has developed an agreed upon set of system performance measures, and will present those measures for JJRC approval at the October meeting.
- The working group is now working on developing measures that can be used by service providers across systems. The group is in the process of soliciting feedback from service providers through focus groups, emails, and surveys.

#### **Update from Judicial**

- Shawn Cohn provided an update on the development of juvenile probation standards and implementation of the YLS risk assessment instrument. The risk assessment implementation committee has identified implementation pilot districts (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> judicial districts) for the YLS. The committee, along with the probations standards working group, has started working on a risk assessment summary report template to share information with the court, as well as a case plan template. The goal is to pilot these tools/policies and the YLS assessment starting on January 1, 2021. Policies and templates will be shared with the JJRC for feedback in October/November.

- Most of the juvenile standards have been drafted, and the committee is still working on the sex offender portion. The standards will be a stand-alone document, separate from the adult probation standards. The goal is to have the standards for the Chief Justice's review in November, for implementation on July 1, 2021.
- The committee is also in the process of getting all judicial districts on board with using the MAYSI 2, which will be used in conjunction with the YLS and a substance use screener to inform the courts at disposition.
- A comment from the group during discussion focused on the need for an evaluation or examination of how all of the various screening tools and assessments work together, and if going through multiple screenings and assessments will have an impact on youth.

### **Update from DYS and CYDC**

- Anders Jacobson 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 (November/December).
- Matt Friesen provided an update on CYDC activities. A revised JDSAG detention screening instrument is being reviewed by the detention screening working group, with plans to be presented for approval to the CYDC Advisory Board in October. The tool will allow users to override down into a lower category, but not override up into a more secure setting. After the presentation in October, and finalization of the tool (pre-validation) the group will begin drafting policies and conducting training.
- The CYDC working group has drafted a new kinship policy and form template, and will share this policy with the JJRC next month after it is presented to the CYDC Advisory Board. Lastly, the working group is discussing criteria for using CYDC funding, and members have expressed some concern to not exclude moderate risk youth or lower risk youth with high needs from being able to access services. The group will be developing parameters around the length of services, and is also considering realigning the funding formula to be based on risk.

### **Next Steps**

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 27 1:00-3:00pm MT