



CO Juvenile Justice Reform Committee: SB19-108

June 23, 2020, 1-3 (Zoom)

Minutes

Committee Members Attending: Lorenzo Allen, Carl Blake, Allison Boyd, Krista Britton, Shawn Cohn, Stacie Colling, Sheri Danz, Hon. Beth Elliot-Dumler, Laurie, Sarah Ericson, Elise Logemann, Dan Makelky, Perry May, Lanie Meyers-Mireles, Jenifer Morgen, Amanda Pennington, Tariq Sheikh, Elaina Schively, Sara Strufing, Senator Lee, Joe Thome, Hon. Doug Walker, Tobin Wright, Adam Zarrin

Staff: Kelly Abbott, Gina Vincent, Yaël Coley-Greene, Kate Ferebee, Anna Lopez

Guests: Tom Harbaugh, Erin Crites, Glenn Tapia

Quorum established.

Planning for FY20-21

- Don't yet have complete budget information to be able to determine how budget cuts impact agencies from moving forward with legislative requirements and what level and type of support is available for external technical assistance.

Update from Risk Assessment Implementation Committees and Motions:

- Probation continues to develop standards and guidelines for the YLS implementation that are shared with the Standards group for approval, including integration with substance use and mental health screening tools; case management policies and procedures; and developing a brief summary report template that can be shared with the court to summarize assessment information and inform dispositional decisions.
- In light of likely cuts to technical assistance as well as staffing reductions, YLS working group is requesting that the pilot is done post-plea given reduced time, resources, and the limited ability to restructure probation's role in a substantial way (which is what a pre-plea pilot would require).
- More time for the pilot will allow the pilot to more fully and accurately incorporate training, integrate risk and needs screenings/assessments, new case planning, training and education for stakeholders beyond probation, etc. and will also allow time for thorough data collection and analysis of both qualitative and quantitative results/impact. As such, proposed start time for the pilot is January 1. At that time, the YLS will also be computerized and will not have to be done on paper.
- Identified initial interest from pilot sites including Denver, Boulder, district 1, 17, 21, and 22.
- JJRC members expressed continued concern about the YLS post-plea incurring additional court dates and slowing date court processes—however, pilot would allow for

an evaluation of whether such delays occur, including data collection on time it takes to conduct the YLS as well as any changes in court processing time, and if extensive, a different recommendations for ultimate statewide implementation might be warranted.

- Question of whether a district could pilot pre-plea if all stakeholders in that jurisdiction—probation, chief judge, district attorney, and public defender—then could they pilot pre-plea and collect the same data accordingly.
- Qualitative data collection should include whether the requirement to conduct the YLS on all youth has any sort of detrimental effects (research supports doing it on all youth so there is no obvious way to exclude groups of youth).
- One challenge to doing a pilot with only one or two sites as a pre-plea pilot is the lack of a representative, large enough sample for data collection and findings that can be generalized to other parts of the state.
- Some proportion of defense may not agree to a pre-plea pilot but as long as they generally adhere to the pilot parameters and refusal rates are not substantially more than 10% then it would still be a valid pilot.
- NYSAP/Judicial can develop core pilot parameters that everyone would have to agree with to be eligible for the pilot whether pre or post plea.

Motion: Elise made a motion to pilot the YLS post-plea with allowance for jurisdictions to pilot the YLS pre-plea if there is written agreement amongst all legal parties in that jurisdiction to do so. Carl seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Motion: Judge Walker made a motion to have all pilot sites be identified by the end of August. Training/preparation for the pilot will be between September-December 2020, and the piloting of actual assessments with youth will start January 2021. With the minimum and maximum length of time of the pilot to be determined by the pilot research team and pilot progress in specific districts. Senator Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Update from Outcome Measures Working Group (Dr. Erin Crites, Colorado Judicial Department):
Erin will send an update via email to the committee members.

Update from Diversion Working Group (Sarah Ericson, Deputy District Attorney, 18th JD)
Sarah does not have an update right now and will update next month.

Update from DYS and Judicial on SB19-108 Implementation and Alignment (Carl Blake):
Nothing to update at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 28 10:00am-12:00pm MT