**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)**

**Virtual Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

4:30pm - 6:00pm

**Member Attendance**

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| **Name** | **Present** | **Absent** | **Proxy** |
| 1. **Anderson**, Patrina (Trina)
 | x |  | Laura Furr  |
| 1. **Barnes,** Mylan
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Burton**, Lisette
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Clark,** Sheila
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Del Valle,** Nataly
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Dennis,** Rachelle
 | 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 |  | Jullian Brevard  |
| 1. **Spain**, Penelope
 | X |  |  |
| 1. **Wheeler- Taylor,** Pamela
 | X |  | Commander Godin/Capt. Branch  |
| 1. **White,** Aaron
 |  | X |  |
| 1. **Wright**, Bruce
 | X |  | Jose DeArteaga  |
| 1. **Woods,** Kyla
 | X |  |  |
| Staff Present | Melissa Milchman (OVSJG), Kristy Love (CJCC), Suzie Dhere (OVSJG) |
| Guests or Advisory MembersPresent | John Mein (DYRS)Capt. Johnathan Branch (MPD) Linda Irizarry (OVSJG)Mark Timberlake (OVSJG)DeAndra Brooks (DME)Hilary Desir (DME)Helen McClure (DMPSJ)Ella Henderson (DC Council Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety)Rondell Jordan (Open City Advocates)Torre Jackson (DYRS)Tiffany Reid-Collazo (PDS)Allison Kahn- Pauli (CASA DC) |
| Notes Prepared by | Melissa Milchman  |

AGENDA

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| Welcome | Welcome and Introductions (*Laura Furr, Chair)*Restorative Practice- A check in: attendees were invited share two to three words in the WebEx Chat about how you are feeling.  |
| JJAG Business | Update on JJAG Business * Compliance monitoring visits – Kristy Love from CJCC gave a brief update that Toni Lemons (Compliance Monitor) had recently conducted some site visits in December – Toni will provide more updates at our next meeting and offer opportunities for JJAG to connect to this work.
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| DYRS Update | Presentation and discussion of developing violence prevention and intervention initiatives at DYRS *(John Mein, DYRS*) - PDF of Slides Attached* Violence Prevention Initiative (VIP) Proposal
* Highlights: DYRS is developing a violence prevention initiative with youth who are NOT court-involved (e.g., non-committed youth, youth who have not been referred to court or on probation). The idea is for this to be true system involvement prevention.
* Part of the development process included holding focus groups with youth, families, DYRS committed youth, and Title 16 youth charged as adults, as well as with agencies and other partners such as CJCC, JJAG/PINS Committee, MPD, DYRS, etc.
* Program design development contemplates focusing on individual needs planning, weekly group sessions, focusing on youth aged 10-14, providing serves for up to 1 year (e.g., mentoring, tutoring, community outings, early workforce development, etc.).
* Plans to use SPARCS curriculum (used in DYRS facilities) that focuses on addressing trauma
* Planning on providing parallel family supports and working with Parent Watch to develop curriculum for families and guardians
* What can JJAG help identify? Existing programs and current gaps
* Who are the planned referral sources: OAG, MPD, ACE, DYRS, DYRS- Committed Youth Siblings, youth who are direct victims of violent crimes, and others.
* Community programming and locations: DC Housing Authority Properties and public libraries (not Achievement Center, intentional to divert away from system)
* Overnight Programming will be a part of the program –a new property nearby New Beginnings Youth Development Center is being built for this initiative.
* Launch Plan: First Cohort to start in March and first overnight in May
* The Initiative hopes to serve 60 youth this year.
* Addressing concerns that John and team heard in the development process so far:
1. The programming will be separate from DYRS Committed Youth and Youth in DYRS’ Care (not at Oak Hill or New Beginnings, not at Achievement Centers)
2. Data sharing will be carefully monitored to protect youth confidentiality and avoid unintended consequences for youth being referred for being at risk.
3. Cohorts will be separated by sex and age group (10-12 and 13-14).

Question and Answer/Discussion with JJAG 1. Has the team thought through school calendars and the impact when programming might not align with the Charter School Calendar (vs. DCPS)
2. May need to consider separate cohorts for kids on difference calendars

Comment: Jose shared that Violence Prevention can/should be added to state Medicaid plan – supports sustainability1. Will agencies be the primary referral source or will schools and others be able to refer?
2. Long term strategy is yes and enabling other sectors to utilize the resources is also the long-term hope.
3. Is this DYRS’ campus and resources or will it be used and accessed by others?
4. This fiscal year it’s just DYRS, but the long-term plan is broader use. It does have some limitation to government agencies though (based on the conservation land rules that govern the space being built).
5. Will young people with CSEC concerns be considered for accessing these resources? Also, consider HOPE Court as a possible referral source.
6. Hopefully, yes!
7. Have we considered tapping into relationships with colleges? Families and youth often are challenged with literacy and navigating the system. One potential partner to help with this are student volunteers (those studying social work) to support educating youth and families on how to navigate and access supportive resources.
8. David Domenici visited the site and recommended that the staff, contractors etc., be trained as literacy coaches. John will consider the idea of academic/student partners as well.

Comment: Please continue to include youth in development of this and steer away from viewing this through the JJ lens and more through the trauma lens.1. Is there a plan for what happens after each cohort? Is there follow up? Discharge or post programming supports after the 1-year?
2. Yes – the plan is that each cohort follow a 16-week curriculum and support/mentorship stay with them for 1-year. The intention is also to provide other program connections or supports on an individual basis.
3. Will the mentors be Credible Messengers (DYRS Current mentoring initiative)?
4. Mentors will NOT be Credible Messengers. DYRS is soliciting for a different cohort of mentors for this.

(Q) What checks and balances will be in place to ensure youth confidentiality is maintained that there are not unintended consequences based on referral to this program?* Confidentiality: Young people are being identified as at risk. Does this label them and harm them in unintended ways (possible targeting or exclusions by system actors)?
1. The list of referred youth will not be shared with Law Enforcement (not a law enforcement or CJCC record). There will be confidentiality agreements and this information will be treated with caution.
2. Follow up - Will OAG be less likely to offer diversion if youth have been through this program?
3. To be determined – DYRS will have to work with partners and navigate that. Sheila and ACE would be another partner to this conversation.

(OAG RESPONSE) Jullian does not foresee this being a limitation or disqualify them from ACE or restorative justice or other options.Comment: YLA wants to help with Programming- John will follow up to connect with them at a future YLA meeting. |
| OJJDP Conference Recap and Next Steps | Recap of OJJDP Conference and Discussion (*YLA members and Melissa Milchman*)* Recap of learning and experiences at the OJJDP conference
* Melissa and YLA members (and Advisor Rondell Jordan) attended the OJJDP State Relations and Tribal Assistance (Title II) Conference in San Diego December 12-15, 2022.
* YLA participated in several sessions
1. Leveraging the Voices of Youth with Lived Experience – youth from across the country and native tribes were represented
2. Working with Special Populations – exploring different groups served in juvenile justice spaces (e.g., LGBTQIA+, Crossover youth in child welfare and juvenile justice, youth experiencing homelessness, youth victims of exploitation, etc.).
3. Those Closest to the Ground are Closest to the Solution -
4. Call to Action: Youth members made an ask of what they want to see Title II participating states, territories and tribes focused more on. The big ask was more alignment and enhancement of youth leadership spaces on SAGs. OJJDP was asked to invest more in this.
* Major takeaways:

(1) Hawaii ended detention for girls and spoke about how they accomplished this. They shared about what the programming and investments have been made since ending detention for young women. This was amazing to hear about. (2) We learned DC is doing a lot of great work and our city is looked to as an example! Many other jurisdictions are just starting to do similar work that we take for granted here. A lot of SAGs don’t have youth engagement. (3) YLA/Kyla and the Center for the Coordinated Assistance to States (OJJDP technical assistance provider) is working on a toolkit to support building up youth engagement in other states. This resource is needed!(4) There were about 12 youth members at the conference, and it was a diverse group. Critically, diversity is needed at the table amongst youth voices and those with lived experience. Supports equity and authentic system improvement. (5) Language matters! Some conversations and speakers still use terminology that can be offensive and triggering. One example was during a compliance monitoring conversation, where the speaker referred to “moving bodies” to ensure compliance. (6) Native populations – YLA would like to learn more about their experience (7) Some states do not have a state advisory group and do not participate in Title II (E.g., Texas). This was surprising. |
| Resolution Vote | Vote on Resolution 2023-1: Supporting Enhanced Mentoring Efforts and Non-punitive Forms of Engagement (*Mylan Barnes, Kyla Woods and Melissa Milchman*) 5:56PM Kyla Moved to vote on the Resolution, Jen Second**RESOLUTION 2023-1: Supporting Enhanced Mentoring Efforts and Non-punitive Forms of Engagement (Full Text Attached)***Note about JJAG voting requirements:* For a recommendation/resolution to pass, a majority of members must be present to vote and thirteen (13) YES votes (51% or greater of JJAGs 24 members) are required.In this instance, the resolution voted was voted on at 5:56 PM – Kyla Woods made the motion to vote, and Jen DiToro seconded the motion. Fifteen JJAG members (or proxies) were present during the roll call vote, and 15 YES votes were recorded (UNANIMOUS). See attached voting record.We will post the Adopted Resolution to the JJAG website and share it with the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice. |
| Updates and Announcements | Invitation to members, advisors, and partners to share updates, opportunities for collaboration, news, etc.The DC Council Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary is now being lead by Council Member Brooke Pinto. One of her legislative staff members, Ella Hanson attended the meeting and provided her contact information for members to connect with the committees office (ehanson@dccouncil.gov, 202-744-8798). Mayor Bowser Appointed a new Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice, Lindsey Appiah. Read the Mayor’s Announcement [here](https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-announces-key-appointments-january-3-2023).We will be welcoming some newly appointed JJAG members at our February meeting (02/07/23)The Coalition for Juvenile Justice is accepting applications to the Emerging Leaders Committe. More information and the application is available [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGRR41Qqp9zZYimYxdjAUvPpKi9Qi9ceRq7mbw7ULy98KTng/viewform). Applications are due January 27. |
| Adjourn | Adjourned 6:02 PM |

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