



Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee

3010 Hammond Business Place

Raleigh, NC 27603

(Meeting held via WebEx)

Friday, August 28, 2020

Committee Members present:

Co-Chair Bill Davis, Co-Chair Garry Frank, Ruby Brown-Herring, Darren Campbell, J.H. Corpening II, Beth Freshwater-Smith, Michelle Hall, Krista Hiatt, William Lassiter, Kym Martin, Marty McGee, Carol McManus, Robert Rader, Mary Stansell, Heather Taraska, McKinley Wooten, Eric Zogry

Presenters/Staff:

Bonnie Clark, Justin Davis, Maxine Evans-Armwood, Erin Hickey, Candice Moore, LaToya Powell, Kimberly Quintus, David Robinson, Neisha Williams, Crystal Wynn-Lewis

Guests: Catherine Anderson, Tawanda Artis, Venecia Carr, Julianna Cherry, Janet Clark-McLean, Duane Cogdell, Kyle Compton, Frank Crawford, Jordan Dropkin, Dale Floyd, Lynn Freeman, Nichelle Gaines, DeShield Greene, Jacqui Greene, Sonya Harper, Meagan Honnold, Adam Johnson, Diana Kees, Peter Kuhns, Rachel Larsen, John Madler, Phillip Maycheck, Connor McCaffrey, Savanna Morris, Kathleen Murphy, Megan Perrault, Cindy Porterfield, Jillian Riley, Alex Rivenbark, Monica Shabo, Gary Skinner, Angela Smith, Mildred Spearman, James Speight, Theresa Stanley, John Tacker, Joe Testino, George Tkach, Karmen Turlington, Morgan Weiss

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

- Welcome and opening remarks.
- Review of minutes from May 15th meeting. Motion accepted, seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Juvenile Justice Update

William L. Lassiter, Deputy Secretary for Juvenile Justice

- Raise the Age Data
 - Review of total complaints, complaints by class, complaints compared to number of juveniles, projections compared to actual complaints, Raise the Age juveniles in detention, complaints-to-date by risk level, complaints by district.
- General Data
 - Impact of COVID-19 on average daily population, pre-and-during COVID-19 offense types
- Discussion on Governor's budget
- H593 Implementation – Removal of juveniles from jails
 - Discussion of changes to JCPCs
 - Discussion on bill scope and review of minors in jail categories
 - Discussion of program and services provided to the new population, as well as future plans.
 - Discussion of systemwide steps to accommodate changes
 - Discussion of training and resources provided
- Draft of Interim JJAC Report
- Questions and Comments:
 - Questions about increase in detention beds during the pandemic and COVID-19 testing.
 - Question about ability to isolate juveniles in detention in response to COVID-19.
 - Question about lessons learned during the pandemic and implication for future, long-term reduction in the use of detention.

- Question about bond process for H593 juveniles.

School Justice Partnerships Data (AOC)

LaToya Powell, AOC Assistant Legal Counsel and Neisha Williams, Graduate Research Assistant (UNC-Greensboro)

- SJP Update
 - Recap of SJP Toolkit release, school safety summit, video, and workshop and UNC School of Government
 - SJP has been moved to Court Programs Division of AOC.
 - Currently 36 counties with signed agreements and 20 in development. Several signings have been postponed due to COVID-19.
- SJP Research Project
 - Data analysis focused on seven counties that have had a SJP for at least two years.
 - Disproportionality revealed in results
 - Next steps
- Questions and Comments:
 - Question about inclusion of race in model agreements.
 - Comment about Governor's School-Justice Taskforce research
 - Comment about data sharing with district superintendents.

Legislative Update

Justin Davis, DPS Legislative Liaison

- Overview of COVID-19-related actions, including the CARES Act and Corona Relief funding.
- Discussion about projections and shortfalls for the biennium.
- Update on JJAC-related legislation.

YASI Implementation

Maxine Evans-Armwood, Director of Juvenile Court Services and Candice Moore, Evidence-Based Practices

- Historical overview of process to identify new risk assessment.
- Presentation of the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument by Dr. David Robinson.
- Discussion on YASI integration with NC-JOIN and Service Directory.
- Questions and Comments:
 - Question about YASI training for judges and other stakeholders.

New Business

None

Next Steps & Chairs' Direction

- Taraska- Legal Revisions Subcommittee meeting to be scheduled.
- Corpening- Minimum Age Subcommittee meeting to be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM

Additional Instructions: Any changes to your contact information should be sent to Kimberly.Quintus@ncdps.gov.

Next meetings: The full committee will meet November 19, 2020.