

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Policy and Programs and Practice Subcommittees' Report to the Coordinating Council

Overview

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Policy Subcommittee and Programs and Practice Subcommittee have met two times since the last full Coordinating Council meeting on June 27, 2024. The subcommittees held joint meetings on July 24, 2024, and August 28, 2024. A decision was made for the subcommittees to meet jointly because both committees were pursuing similar objectives; meeting jointly minimized duplication of effort.

July 24, 2024

Report to Congress and the White House

Staff reviewed a timeline for steps toward publication of the Council's FY24 Report, including final approval of the report draft at the September 19 full meeting. In addition, members revisited the Council's five identified priorities and discussed the main content of the developing report, which will be the recommendations for Congress and the White House. Another major section of the report will identify activities the Council can work to implement on its own in the upcoming fiscal year (i.e., activities that do not require legislation or Presidential Action). Individual Council agencies will participate in implementing these activities wherever possible, subject to budget and staffing constraints. Members were advised of plans to circulate a full report draft for final input and feedback by August 5 with a final due date for all comments by August 27.

Council Recommendations

Subcommittee members reviewed and discussed the input on proposed Report recommendations and activities provided by full Council members during the June meeting. Federal staff have begun integrating this feedback into the draft report.

November 2024 National Conference Co-Sponsorship

Subcommittee Chair Kellie Blue, updated members on preparations for Coordinating Council sessions at the National Conference in November 2024 and discussed work with proposed speakers for each of the seven (7) Council sessions.

August 28, 2024

Report Updates

Staff advised that the final draft of the full Council's report to Congress is nearly complete and discussed plans to circulate this draft by early September. Both clean and tracked change versions will be provided so that members can see scrubbed final comments and edits. The expectation is that Agency delegates will secure feedback and/or approval from their leadership. A final paragraph summarizing proceedings from the September 19 meeting will be added after the meeting concludes.

A draft copy of the Practitioner Report will also be circulated to all Council members in early September. It was noted that, per statute, the Practitioner Report is independent of the full

Council's report and not subject to full Council approval. The practitioner statement will be provided to Congress as an addendum to the full Council report. Practitioners will present highlights from their report at the full Council meeting on September 19. When the Council votes on report approval at this meeting, it will be voting only to approve the full Council report. This vote will not apply to the independent practitioner statement.

Preview of Council Practitioner Report

Practitioner Member, Mark Patterson, provided a preview of the practitioner statement. Council practitioners represent fields including judicial, advocacy, public defense, civil and human rights, the juvenile justice system, child welfare, tribal interests, and those with financial and lived experiences.

The report examines the current state of youth and what practitioner members believe national trends are showing regarding mental health. The report looks at system involvement of our youth. Practitioners examine out-of-home placement and how detrimental that can be to youth, and they examine re-entry.

The Practitioner's Report explores the Continuum of Care, and it attempts to identify how to manage the Continuum of Care and be aware of the gaps and where they occur.

Practitioner recommendations focus on prevention and intervention, as well as diversion and out-of-home care.

Recommendation

Subcommittee members recommend approval of the full Council's final draft report to Congress and the President at the full Council meeting on September 19, 2024.

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