

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting Subcommittee on Policy

Overview

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Policy Subcommittee held its inaugural meeting on April 5th. The committee includes a total of eight members representing five federal agencies as well as practitioners from the field.

The Policy Subcommittee was convened to identify and explore policy opportunities that would benefit from interagency coordination to serve youth more effectively – especially those who are system-involved. Policy, for the purposes of this subcommittee, has been defined broadly to include legislative and regulatory actions as well as federal policy and program instruction impacting practice. It was generally acknowledged that practice and policy should be closely coordinated/aligned and that the Council's two subcommittees may find specific areas of mutual support as they begin to identify strategies for action.

During the meeting, members began by identifying areas of legislative and regulatory activities underway in each of the Departments. The committee also reviewed recommendations made by the Young Justice Leaders panel at the October full Council meeting and opened a broad discussion about potential subcommittee actions and activity. Ideas explored and considered included the potential for large demonstration initiatives where program and policy conflicts or perceived conflicts might serve as barriers to the field; the potential need for common language across departments around terms and definitions for solicitations; and consideration of cataloging, in a resource format, the range of youth-serving agencies' guiding programs and authorizing legislation to enhance coordination of policy across these agencies.

Two specific issue areas considered by the committee included mental health and Medicaid. One point of discussion referenced the need to broaden committee membership to bring in additional federal partners, however, members agreed that the committee should first identify more specific areas of action. Members were also asked share resources and links to information referenced in the meeting.

The subcommittee agreed that it would meet monthly moving forward and use the next meeting to continue efforts to identify areas for collaborative action.

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