
Place Matters

Community Reintegration Work Group

Notes

January 15, 2021, 1pm

Attendees:

Autumn Rose (Youth Advocate Programs), Stephanie Netto (Volunteer Office Longcreek), Amanda Morais (RJI/OA), Galan Williamson (DOC), Margaret Micolichesk (RJP, Belfast), Meg West (Intern at RJI), Erica King (USM), Casey Benner (USM), Kim Deering (Long Creek), Jill Ward (MCJPL/JJAG), John Coyne (DOC), Samantha Fenderson (Voc Rehab, DOL), Jesse Pettengil (Youth Advocate Programs), Bonnie Porta (JJAG), Robyn Thurber (Voc Rehab, DOL), Bruce King (Maine Inside Out), Margot Fine (Maine Inside Out), Anwar Whiting (DOC)

Introductions & Updates:

JJ Task Force / JJAG

- Jill: Monthly meeting of the co-chairs; CCLP continues to provide TA. DOC developing regular update on initiatives that speak to the CCLP recommendations. Not sure when it will start. Rep Brennan has reintroduced his legislation from last session, slightly revised, a couple of main differences are that benchmarks have been removed and so there is a wanting to track the progress but no explicit benchmarks, and there is a section that moves the Task Force under the umbrella of the JJAG. JJAG approved a draft narrative of its 3-year plan at its December meeting to help guide use of federal JJDPF funds and will circulate to this group. Working next on identifying annual priorities in the plan. Emphasizing resourcing community, cross agency collaboration, youth voice, family engagement.

Regional Care Teams

- Erica: Overall state update, by end of 2020 we were at 12 cases referred for case review and we are starting to think about data dashboard to reflect how young people are better off, policy and practice, putting together some of the data with qualitative data. Focus on data interoperability in 2021. Highlighted grant opportunity if anyone is interested in talking about interoperability.
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/project/acf-interoperability-initiative>
- John (RCA, Region 1): Region 1 hit the ground running. We continue to have a lively referral source. DOC staff who've presented take an active role in staff meetings to explain what their process experience has been. We've had some return clients who have needed an additional request for funds and have been able to support those requests. It's been rewarding, and this is one of those things I'm very proud of this, and to keep this going, I can see this continuing for us. This month we'll do a deeper dive into the systems with a case, similar to something Galan has done wrapping a team around a youth.

- Galan (RCA, Region 3): We've heard some very challenging cases, multi systems youth, but once you get and start looking at the possibilities it gives the client team some hope that there are some things that can be done differently. It's given us the opportunity to talk about too much DOC involvement, which can lead to very negative outcomes for youth. It's been a great experience thus far.
- Margot: Cullen Ryan from CHOM presented to Region 2, and Bruce and I will be there on 1/26 to present. Hopefully you'll hear good things this month.
- Jill: Erica can you let folks know that we've streamlined the list serve, everyone should get the Place Matters monthly newsletter and it will have a monthly RCT section with updates. Mara does a great job collecting latest policy/practice news clips. You're not going to get individualized listserv things for each region.

Second Chance Reentry Grant

- Erica: Grant to address those at risk of going to Long Creek, we have a whole strategy that we are getting federal TA around. Congregate care settings have been scrutinized. That work continues to be piloted. And a brief update that the DOC is interested in applying for this OJJDP grant. As much as we can do federal development we are actively engaged in trying to partner with the department and with any of you too. Literally if you see anything out there and you want to work to point the data metrics towards it, please feel free to reach out and be in touch.

MCJPAL/Transition Packets

- Jill: Still working on this. Small grant to do some emergency COVID response for individual young people, starting with Clinic clients. More to come in February.

Closing & Next Steps:

- Next Meeting Date: February 12 at 1pm