

## **Community Reintegration Meeting**

6/5/2020, 1pm

### **Attending:**

Mara Sanchez (USM), Erica King (USM), Betsy Boardman (Courts), Autumn Magee (YAP), Anne Sedlack (MCJPAL), Stephanie Netto (DOC), Atlee Reilly (DRM), Julia Sleeper (Tree Street), Bonnie Porta (JJAG), Shannon Sidelinger (DOL), Jay Pennell (JJAG), Samantha Fenderson (Voc Rehab), Stephanie Netto (DOC), Kim Deeping (DOC), Margaret Micolich (RJP), Megan Dvlinksky (DOC), Andrew Kirkman (YAP), Margot Fine (MIO), Helen Hemminger (Maine Children's Alliance), Kelsey Park (RJIM), Anwar Whiting (DOC), Jesse Pettengill (ACAP), Ned Chester (JJAG), Asia Bowman (Vera)

### **Discussion:**

#### Introductions

Erica reminded purpose of this meeting is to be a container to hold accountability for the work that we all want to move together. Moment of silence for Black Lives Matter and for the unrest our country is going through.

#### Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Regional Care Team update
3. Funding update and COC development
4. Check out and action steps

### **Introductions:**

- Erica – this group has been a container for moving from talk to purposeful action
- Jay – JJAG is trying to fill out their roster of JJAG members, particularly youth. If you know anyone, especially youth
- Margaret – RJP is wrapping up contract with DOC
- Hailey – hoping to update about wraparound flex funds from JJAG at next meeting. Met with Wings earlier in the week and looking forward to providing more updates.
- Andrew – fielding resumes for new director for YAP. Going to be few rounds of interviews and there is still time. Still accepting candidates.
- Atlee – just finished the third regional training with JCCOs and will provide same training at long creek, with the idea of establishing referral pathways for youth who are getting involved with law enforcement directly from schools and residential providers and ending up in the deep end of the system just because they have disabilities and their needs haven't been met.
- Kelsey – been pivoting a lot of our attention over the past week to look at our structures around racism and putting more energy into supporting the Black Lives Matter movement

- Anne – all the notes from these meetings are up on the task force website and the co-chairs will be meeting monthly ongoing. Community subgroup will be meeting next week with Jill facilitating. Margot will be sending out an email about those meetings.
- Margot – working with young people to create art in response to all the things that are happening for young people in communities.
- Helen – Maine Children’s Alliance put out a statement for how to talk to children about the current moment and also looking at data. Asked in chat “Just wanted status of the transitional housing for kids who were living in Bearings. Are there plans to re-open and get more kids out of Long Creek? Is there currently another transitional site as well and is it open or closed?”
- Stephanie – have some who have transitioned out and some who are still in the community. Can’t get more specific than that. Hope to open Bearings back up as it is closed due to COVID.
- Helen asked if there is more than one transitional house for kids leaving LC.
- Stephanie – not right now, a girls program is in development but not existing yet. A lot of the work that we did in preparing for Bearings will cover the need for a girls transitional program.
- Jesse – were approved today to do our pre-work in person for our RJ program. Beth Broderick has interest in engaging a community of young people who have been recipients of youth justice. Exploring what that might look like with the hopes to create a policy document.
- Samantha – Still looking for a voc rehab person for region 3.
- Ned – JJAG did authorize the 61L+ for the regional care teams and the DOC was going to think this week about how to use this money. We have not specifically allocated amounts of money, going to leave that for the DOC to decide. Hoping protective legislation will be passed to protect juvenile records.

#### **Regional Care Team Update:**

- Mara - We have scheduled the first meeting of the regional care teams for the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This meeting is considered to be a “dry run,” and intended to gather system leadership who will be involved to discuss the goals of the teams and how the process can be used, make a plan for moving forward, and information share especially in terms of the resources that this group has helped compile so far.
- Meanwhile, we are creating an email network for all the community organizations that are on our lists for each region so that everyone, including all the members of this group, can stay informed as we proceed.
- Next steps are to design - hopefully with the community subgroup – the referral process so that community organizations can refer to these regional care teams. What also would be helpful would be to address generally how to have the most efficient and effective two-way communication as this process continues. To be specific – it is not efficient or effective to have 40 people on a zoom. So we want to make sure that we can facilitate the best use of everyone’s time and effort.

- Anne – We are also compiling documents so that we can have a toolkit that we can share with all of you.

#### **Funding update and COC development**

- Erica – Regarding development, an invitation to declare what are we trying to generate together and where
- Mara – DOC has submitted a girls grant to OJJDP and the proposal is to create an advocacy or mentor based program for girls to pilot in Region 2. With DOC's permission, would be happy to share with anyone interested in learning more about that proposal.
- Andrew – YAP not sure of how many kids it will be able to serve but working on that. Working on locking down what it's going to look like in terms of virtual or in person meetings. Waiting for post-pandemic so we can really have an idea of what this is going to look like.
- Erica – Victoria Morales invited me to participate in a meeting with Chellie Pingree's office and First Place to explore expanding that scatter-site housing with integrated wraparound support model. Trying to figure that out and some promising meetings have happened with Portland Housing Authority and Maine State Housing. They want to align their work with stuff happening that this table. Trying to figure out this puzzle and how to make housing more flexible and nimble.
- Hailey – what we are trying to do as a short term thing is attempting to partner with Victoria and housing to have a MOU so that we can connect more understanding landlords with funds in a hybrid housing model that would be part rapid-rehousing part TLP.

**Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.**