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JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Joint Meeting
Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee &
Iowa Task Force for Young Women

MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2021

Present: LaTasha DeLoach, Interim Chair, DMC Subcommittee; Jennifer Tibbetts, Chair, Iowa Task Force for Young Women; Ashley Artzer; Tiffany Berkenes; Whitney Buchanan; Kim Cheeks; Julie Clark-Albrecht; Diamond Denney; Andrea Dickerson; Mandy Engle-Carter; Bob Greenlee; Stephanie Hernandez; Bethany Kohoutek; Ivy Menke; Miguel Trevino; David Tristan

Others: Kassidy Arena; Ed Huff; Lucia McNeal

Staff: Steve Michael; Kathy Nesteby; Jill Padgett; Kayla Powell; Jeff Regula; Julie Rinker; Mindi TenNapel; Brianne Messer; Tiara Mosley; Kylie Spies

Introductions/Announcements

LaTasha DeLoach called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19 related social distancing concerns, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Council/CJJP Update

● **Legislative wrap up**

Steve Michael provided the following information.

- SF357—This bill was pre-filed by CJJP and relates to holding youth waived to adult court in detention centers unless specific requirements are met and determined by district court. This bill passed and was signed by the Governor last Friday. It will go into effect December 18 and will bring Iowa into compliance with the federal JJDP Act. Training is being provided to detention center staff and law enforcement. He noted there may be a shortage of beds in some detention centers.
- HF802—This bill provides guidance regarding mandatory training for school personnel and governmental agencies. It defines specific language used to address divisive concepts. Some amendments were made by the Senate. Michael thought it would still allow DHR to provide training around racial, ethnic, and gender disparities in the juvenile justice system.
- CJJP Budget—Although the Governor's recommendation was a status quo budget, \$60,000 was added by the House and would cover salary increases.
- Day on the Hill/Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference—Although this year's conference will again be held virtually, electronic meetings with Iowa's federal delegation have been arranged. Participants are Andrew Allen, JJAC Chair, LaTasha DeLoach, Jennifer Tibbetts, and Steve Michael. A summary of current efforts as well as the Racial Disparities

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report, JJAC priority areas, and a request for grant applications will be shared. Legislators and/or their staff will be invited to participate in future JJAC and related meetings.

- In March, the JJAC voted to approve a Youth Justice Subcommittee. Kayla Powell will be seeking recommendations for youth members.

- **Mitigating Race and Gender Bias training – June 24 & 25**

Kathy Nesteby reported that an email has been shared regarding this training. Through JJAC approval, the conference will be held virtually and is free to DMC and ITFYW members.

- **Updates**

- **Healing Justice publication**

The ITFYW is finishing the Healing Justice publication and will be asking for assistance in reviewing and editing the document.

- **Deep End reports**

Separate reports are being developed on deep-end boys and girls. These reports should be available this summer.

- **Facilitated Discussion: mobilizing Talking Wall content into a joint project**

Nesteby provided an overview of the process to identify possible joint DMC-ITFYW projects using youth comments from the “Talking Wall”. The Talking Wall is a tool used to obtain comments on system changes or improvements from juvenile justice youth in out-of-home placement.

Kayla Powell facilitated a ‘jamboard’ session in which members added recommendations/solutions related to system changes or improvements with regard to youth comments.

At the conclusion of the session, Nesteby reported that staff will identify commonalities/themes and share information at a future meeting. At that time, members will provide guidance on priorities and potential joint projects. Members were encouraged to submit additional suggestions.

A comparison study/report by the American Institutes for Research on girls who participated in Girls, Inc. was shared by Mandy Engel-Cartie. The report can be found here:

https://girlsinc.org/app/uploads/2020/06/Girls-Inc.-Final-Study-Report_Learning-Central.pdf

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

There was no further business.

- **Adjournment**

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The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m

Respectfully submitted, Julie Rinker
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