

UTAH JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JULY 17, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY

On July 17, 2017 the Utah Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) convened for the third time in Salt Lake City, led by Ron Gordon, co-chair of the JJOC. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Committee Working Group updates; demonstrate the HB 239 website; review HB 239 communication materials; receive updates from JJOC members; and identify HB 239 related outreach opportunities.

Committee Working Group Updates

Education Working Group

Patty Norman, working group chair, shared that the Education Working Group held their first meeting on June 27, 2017.

During the meeting, the group discussed upcoming education stakeholder outreach opportunities, reviewed drafts of education related materials and offered feedback, and created a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) that will be incorporated into an Education FAQ document. The next Education Working Group meeting is being scheduled.

Data Working Group

Ben Peterson provided an update to the JJOC on the Data Working Group. The group held their second meeting on July 17, 2017 to refine performance measures related to HB 239, prioritize measures, and discuss recommendations for measures that will be reported externally versus measures that will be used as internal, quality assurance measures.

The Data Working Group plans to share the finalized list of measures and recommendations with the JJOC during the September Oversight Committee meeting for the Committee's review.

The next Data Working Group meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2017.

Communication Working Group

Jackie Chamberlain, working group chair, shared that the Communication Working Group held their

first meeting on July 12, 2017. During the meeting the group identified stakeholder groups that should be proactively engaged about HB 239, priority materials that will be tailored for key stakeholder groups in the state, and discussed potential outreach opportunities.

The next Communication Working Group meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2017.

House Bill 239 Website

Cuong Nguyen from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice provided a demonstration of the HB 239 website for the Committee. The website consists of five sections: 1) Purpose; 2) Presentations on HB 239; 3) Meeting Summaries from the JJOC; 4) Archived Information (prior to passage of the legislation); and 5) Contact Information.

Once the website is operational, Mr. Nguyen will send an email to Committee members letting them know that the website is functional. Mr. Nguyen also informed the group that the general email address for HB 239 related questions and comments, HB239info@utah.gov, is functioning. JJOC members were encouraged to share the email address with stakeholders. Mr. Nguyen will monitor the email address and, as appropriate, follow-up with Committee and working group members to address questions and comments received through the email address.

House Bill 239 Materials

The Committee reviewed drafts of two education related documents- Education Frequently Asked Questions and School Offense Referral Guidelines. Committee members offered a number of suggestions to improve the clarity of the documents and ensure that they properly address education

stakeholders' questions and concerns. Recognizing that the 2017-2018 school year starts soon, CCJJ will work quickly to address members' comments and share the document with Committee members via email for approval.

Committee Member Updates

Utah School Superintendent's Association

Patty Norman provided an update on Committee members Representative Snow, Susan Burke and Dawn Marie Rubio's presentation to the Utah School Superintendent's Association (USSA). Ms. Norman noted that the JJOC members provided background information on HB 239, including where the data that drove the policy changes came from and how youth were moving through the juvenile justice system prior to passage of HB 239. Ms. Norman stated that the USSA requested JJOC members present at their next meeting on July 27-28, 2017.

Nonjudicial Adjustment and Sliding Scale

Dawn Marie Rubio from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) stated that the AOC is taking into consideration the feedback provided by the JJOC during the June Oversight Committee meeting. Ms. Rubio noted that the AOC likely will not have the sliding scale approved and ready for use by the August 2017 deadline.

Juvenile Justice Services Detention Guidelines

Chief Doug Diamond provided an update from the public hearing he attended on the Juvenile Justice

Services' detention admission guidelines. Chief Diamond noted that most of the questions from the public during the hearings were about HB 239 generally, rather than about the guidelines specifically. Public comment closed the evening of July 17, 2017. JJS has one week to review the feedback and are on track to meet the August 2017 deadline.

Outreach Opportunities

JJOC members brainstormed a list of potential outreach opportunities which included:

- Utah Prosecution Council
- Utah Chiefs' of Police Conference
- Student Services Convention
- Utah Sheriff's Conference
- Utah Association of Counties Conference
- Regional Education Centers
- Promising Youth Conference
- Critical Issues Conference
- Fall Substance Abuse Conference
- Utah Public Information Officers Association Conference

Next Steps

The next Working Group meeting will take place on August 21 at 1 p.m. at the Utah State Capitol Complex, Copper Room. The Data, Education, and Communication Working Groups will continue meeting and provide updates on activities at the next JJOC meeting.