

Agenda  
Human Services Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday April 18, 2023, 6PM  
Via GO TO MEETING

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Chairperson's Remarks
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 14 Special Meeting
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Update on Transition for Director
- VI. Director's Report
  - A. Programs Restarting this Spring
  - B. Summer Programs
- VII. Post High School Transition Program: Launch Pad
- VIII. Correspondence
  - A. YSBS Concern About Diversion Bill
- IX. Adjourn

Action Items: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Minutes  
Human Services Advisory Board  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:00PM  
Via Go To Meeting

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Erin Gaudet, Gerry Baird, Mark Barillaro, Celeste Calabotta, Amanda Stevens (joined 6:32PM), Sydney Robinson

Members Absent: Brian Corbin

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: None.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting February 13, 2023: motioned by S. Auletta, seconded by G. Baird passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: All accounts are funded. D. Melillo noted that some accounts show more funds available than normal for this time of year due to the length of time it took to hire new personnel.

Motion to Increase Age Range of CHS Clients: motioned by C. Calabotta, seconded by M. Barillaro passed unanimously. This motion is to increase the age range from 5-21 years of age to 5-25 years of age.

Approval of New Transition Program for Residents 16-25 Years of Age: This will be a young adult's group, not therapy, to provide executive function coaching. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the lack of options for young adults who do not choose the college path. More training is needed for those who may want to choose a trade instead or are currently struggling out of high school. It was suggested that a fee be charged on a sliding scale basis.

Status of Replacement for Human Services Director Position: Erin and Shelby met with Karl Kilduff on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. They were informed that the job description cannot be touched because of its Union status - same for the Director holding a therapist's license. The job will be posted in late April with Town Council's schedule approval. Meanwhile, the Board would like to get the word out via Facebook, Instagram, etc. to attract higher-level professionals.

Director's Report: There is a presentation at the Morgan School tomorrow called It's My Money that E. Gaudet arranged with funding from CHS's Peer-to Peer account. The Tech Guide for the Tech Equity Initiative (through ARPA funds) at the library has been hired and the program is now up and running. India continues Job Shadow planning and Home Alone and Mother Daughter Night Out are scheduled for the Spring. Also working on Grandparents Group reboot.

Correspondence: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero

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58920	PEER PROGRAMS	63,751.18	1,176.00	87.84	7,754.62	55,908.72	12.30
58945	OPTIOD MINI GRANT	8,485.00	.00	.00	1,245.78	7,239.22	14.68
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58977	FY22 SAMHSA GRANT E	100,815.89	-25,159.96	.00	100,815.89	14,387.57	51.69
58983	FY23 DCF YSB GRANT	29,783.00	1,220.56	.00	15,395.43	5,731.27	19.31
58984	FY23 LPC GRANT EXPS	7,102.79	.00	750.00	621.52	5,731.27	39.77
58987	FY23 SAMHSA GRANT E	214,791.75	58,623.43	2,146.37	83,275.42	129,369.96	49.52
	TOTAL YOUTH & FAMILY	428,450.94	35,939.15	2,984.21	209,187.78	216,278.95	49.52
	TOTAL YOUTH/FAMILY FUNDS	428,450.94	35,939.15	2,984.21	209,187.78	216,278.95	49.52
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 DEPARTMENT-4419 YOUTH & FAMILY

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51310	SALARIES-FULL TIME	259,644.00	20,107.44	.00	167,377.13	92,266.87	64.46
51320	SALARIES - PART TIM	20,242.00	1,149.88	.00	10,361.90	9,880.10	51.19
52900	TRAVEL EXPENSE	850.00	102.18	.00	415.14	434.86	48.84
53200	PROFESSIONAL SERVIC	2,250.00	.00	.00	850.00	1,400.00	37.78
53220	IN SERVICE	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
56100	GENERAL SUPPLIES	3,200.00	.00	.00	2,297.15	902.85	71.79
56900	OTHER SUPPLIES	3,300.00	.00	.00	2,370.83	891.02	73.00
58100	DUES & FEES	1,430.00	.00	.00	1,274.75	155.25	89.14
58800	PROGRAM COST	2,500.00	1,101.95	.00	1,231.95	1,268.05	49.28
58900	OTHER ITEMS	10,000.00	.00	.00	3,050.00	6,950.00	30.50
	TOTAL YOUTH & FAMILY	304,416.00	22,461.45	38.15	189,228.85	115,149.00	62.17
	TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND	304,416.00	22,461.45	38.15	189,228.85	115,149.00	62.17
	TOTAL REPORT	304,416.00	22,461.45	38.15	189,228.85	115,149.00	62.17

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT- March 2023**

- Job Shadow – 35 students surveyed, placements last month = 4 + 13 new placements = 17 FY total. Five experiences were set up and scheduled. Provided chaperoning to ensure safety and connect with students, sites and hosts and take photos for social media as well as obtain info about each. Assisted students with thank-you notes to hosts.
- Mother/Daughter Night Out – returning May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Home Alone – returning May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Open Mic – not active at this time
- Grandparents Group – returning April 24th
- Continue to work on/coordinate the Tech Equity Program with the Tech Guide
- Furthered involvement with the SHERo awards
- Edited and updated the 2023 Senior Guide.
- Collaborating with HCH library staff on a summer enrichment program for middle schoolers

### **Partners in Community**

- Morgan REACT: 0 new participants, 99 previous participants = FY total 99
- Morgan REACT Utilization: 8 REACT members involved in Vaping Committee Meeting and Opioid Awareness Project and Planning Meetings on February 21<sup>st</sup> & February 28<sup>th</sup>. They served 528 peers and 0 adults. Four REACT members attended an outdoor leadership retreat in New Hampshire February 17-20.
- 10 middle school boys had the last two weeks of Boys Council – attendees grades 5-8.
- PiC: Met February 27<sup>th</sup> – 7 members in attendance.

### **Juvenile Review Board**

- 2 participants end of last month + 1 new participant – 0 closed cases = 3 active participants

### **Police Youth Group**

- 35 existing participants, 0 attendees this month, FY total 35

### **Mental Health Task Force**

- No new participants, FY total 0

### **Clinical Services**

- 21 previously, 0 opened, 0 closed. March caseload: 21.
- Short term responses (non-cases): 3 previously, 0 new = 3 FY total.

**Social Services: March 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023**

Total Assistance: \$511.54

Assistance Records: 215

Children (0-17) Assisted: 0

Adults (18-59) Assisted: 35

Seniors (60+) Assisted: 60

Other (unknown) Assisted: 21

Total Cases Assisted: 116

Children (0-17) in Assisted Households: 24

Adults (18-59) in Assisted Households: 60

Seniors (60+) in Assisted Households: 72

Other (unknown) in Assisted Households: 35

Total Households Assisted: 115 households with a total of 191 members

CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry: Distribution March 24th

Operation Fuel Update: Program re-opened April 3<sup>rd</sup> to accept applications for deliverable fuel or utility assistance. This comes after a month-long hiatus to catch up on the large volume of applications received. Amount of assistance grant is now \$500 maximum instead of up to \$1000.

Upcoming programs for April: Renter's Tax Relief begins April 1<sup>st</sup>

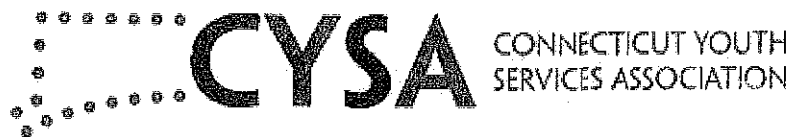


**HB 6902 Testimony**  
**Scott Cochran, President**  
**Connecticut Youth Services Association**  
**March 27, 2023**

Sen. Osten, Rep. Walker, Sen. Berthel and Rep. Nuccio and Members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Scott Cochran and I'm the President of Connecticut Youth Services Association(CYSA). On behalf of CYSA, I am writing to express our overall concerns regarding **HB 6902 AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUVENILE DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM.**

CYSA is a nonprofit association that leads, strengthens and supports a unified network of 103 Youth Service Bureaus, all dedicated to promoting the well-being of Connecticut's children, youth, and families. CYSA is compelled to oppose portions of this bill, and feels that it jeopardizes the footing of YSBs when diversion is not the primary focus. We submit this testimony with the sincere hope to work with legislators on the language that we will specify within our testimony. We support the intent to further develop comprehensive and responsive diversion programming across the state, and to build on accountability standards for YSBs. What may not be apparent is that some of the language in the bill could alter the function of a YSB when not focused on diversion. In doing so, this could undercut how YSBs conform to the needs of their communities and would jeopardize many of the programs and services that are a part of as well as outside of diversion. Furthermore, the proposed changes in the statute may serve to stress and fracture the very system it portends to value and relies upon. We believe that if provided the opportunity to work with lawmakers, this bill can be crafted to achieve its primary focus without risking any undue harm. We ask lawmakers for partnership, and to consider that the YSBs should play a major role in any changes to the very statute that defines them.

CGS 10-19m states that YSBs are "multipurpose" and responsible for "evaluation, planning, coordination and implementation of services." As outlined in the statute, YSBs are a primary community hub, providing "comprehensive delivery of prevention, intervention, treatment and follow-up services." This is the bedrock of YSBs and specifically why so many towns have chosen to establish and financially support YSBs to serve their youth and families. Through this YSBs have evolved with variations in size and programming from town to town and must reflect the needs of the youth and families within that town or region. These variations can make it challenging to comprehend the work of YSBs across the State. Since the shift of administrative oversight from SDE to DCF, CYSA has been working diligently with DCF to improve and modernize data gathering while carving out a path forward to best determine appropriate standards and a means to better quantify outcomes. CYSA supports language to identify and update performance and accountability standards and requests CYSA's involvement in the process to determine what those standards may become and how they will be measured.



We understand the intent of this bill pertains to diversion and the desire to develop a more comprehensive evidenced-based system of diversion for youth. Improving the system of diversion for youth is an aspiration we all share, and YSBs have played a critical role in youth diversion for decades.

We would also like to share a few concerns specifically pertaining to Section 2. The language substituted may have some unintended consequences for our youth and their families. While we agree that diversion is important, we cannot ignore the critical services YSBs provide outside of diversion such as mental health services, prevention, youth development, employment training and more. We are concerned changes to the language could diminish the importance of those who are in need of services outside of delinquency matters.

Language in this section should be clarified, and in some cases omitted, to ensure it is in the best interest of all youth served, not just those in need of diversion. We have provided comments directly on the bill language as a part of the submitted testimony, however I would like to address the following specific areas:

In Section 2, subsection (b), there are services that have been added to the YSB statute. We understand and agree with the need for screening and would recommend if a needs and risk assessment is suggested, that it be coordinated with diversion efforts currently in place already at the Judicial Branch and that it be specified for use with diversion youth only. In addition, many of the added services are services that may also be lacking in the community, and would require specialized and trained staff to provide those services, something some YSBs are currently unable to do.

Of major concern is the language at the end of subsection (b) stating a 15 day period for which a youth must be successful in services referred out or consequently face a referral to court. We request the removal of this language for several reasons. First, the language refers to sending youth to court who were unsuccessful with the program they were referred to but does not take into account other potential barriers such as waitlists, transportation, scheduling, cost, poor fit with provider, and more. In addition, as written, the language seeks to send all youth receiving referred services from a YSB who are "unsuccessful" to court. Not all youth who are provided these service referrals are youth being diverted from court or have engaged in delinquent behavior.

Based on what we know about the current system, we believe it can be improved without criminalizing non-delinquent behavior or unnecessarily involving young people in the juvenile court system. In addition, the Judicial Branch has implemented Risk Based Case handling that would divert any low or medium risk youth back to the community when referred to court for an arrest. This is important because many youth who may not have been successful under this current bill language would go to court and potentially come directly back through court diversion.





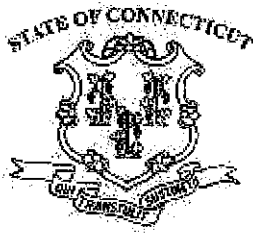
The language defining the word “divert” also comes with some confusion. The current diversion system and the judicial system are both making efforts to not only divert as many youth as possible, but to limit engagement in the system whenever possible, including limiting arrests. The language as written states that to “divert” means to provide an alternative to a court referral for a “juvenile arrest”. This does not allow a youth to be diverted pre-arrest which is the focus of much of the JJPOC work and current practice in many diversion programs. Additionally, the definition of “divert” is not as broad as it was when creating the Community Based Diversion System, which was codified in State Statute in 2018. Diversion in the Community Based Diversion System was intended to be diversion from any system involvement, not just court diversion, and identifies YSBs as the hub for a variety of services. The proposed narrowed language does not take into account diversion from child welfare or the mental health systems, for example. The list of behaviors that can be diverted in the bill is also very narrow and contradicts JJPOC language, which specifies that these charges should be pre-arrest diversion. Typically, all misdemeanors, and even some felonies, (upon discretion) are offenses eligible for diversion, either pre or post arrest, in urban, suburban, and rural diversion programs.

Returning to Section 1, we agree and understand that an improvement to the system is necessary to create more accountability and support that proposed measure. However, there is currently a pilot underway to reevaluate and standardize Juvenile Review Board protocols and procedures. This pilot was a direct recommendation from the Council of State Governments and was funded by the state. The recommendation stated that changes to the YSB/JRB system should be determined after the conclusion of the pilot. As such, the efforts that have been put forth by the professionals, experts and most importantly the families that have been working diligently on this project should be fully realized before making significant changes to the system.

We also agree that standardizing the decision-making process, eligibility, and service coordination is key in reforming the current system. As outlined, centralizing these processes could have the unintended effect of disrupting the accessible, less-intimidating, and holistic nature of a community-based YSB and JRB.

It is critically important that the youth and their families, as well as those victimized by their actions, have a voice and a say in any changed legislation that will directly affect them. It is also important that those that have dedicated their professional careers to doing this work are involved, to ensure clarity, continuity and consistency in the State, in our communities, and most importantly for our young people and their families. As such, we respectfully request that CYSA has a seat at the table as the dialogue continues to further refine this bill, through a collaborative effort to provide the best services to our youth.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you on this critical legislation affecting the youth of the state of Connecticut.



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

**Raised Bill No. 6902**

LCO No. 5749



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

**AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUVENILE DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2024) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Children and Families and the Chief Court Administrator shall develop,  
3 in consultation with The Consultation Center at Yale, a program to  
4 divert from the juvenile justice and court system juveniles who (1) have  
5 committed a <sup>1</sup> first or second criminal offense, (2) have been charged with  
6 a <sup>2</sup> minor criminal offense, or (3) <sup>3</sup> are chronically absent from school.

7 (b) Such program shall be administered by the Commissioner of  
8 Children and Families and the Chief Court Administrator and shall be  
9 known as the Diversion First program. The program shall first be  
10 implemented in one or more municipalities in the state having a  
11 population of ninety thousand or more. The program shall: (1) Serve as  
12 a single point of contact for program participants seeking services  
13 provided by a network of community-based agencies; and (2) include a  
14 centralized decision-making process regarding program eligibility,  
15 service coordination, referrals for services to such agencies and tracking

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Number: 1 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/22/2023 12:39:29 PM

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Please consider adding language to include additional offenses upon discretion of referring and receiving agencies.

Reasoning: Currently some JRBs accept cases beyond the second offense at their discretion.

Number: 2 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 11:00:12 AM

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Please consider adding language to include other criminal offenses at the discretion of referring and receiving agencies.

Reasoning: Currently some JRBs accept certain felonies upon their discretion.

Number: 3 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 9:49:59 AM

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Please consider removing (3) or at minimum changing language to "youth who are truant."

Reasoning: The definition of chronically absent includes a much wider range of reasons (both excused and unexcused absences) including medical issues. Youth that are truant or chronically absent are not appropriate for a diversion system focused on delinquency.

16 of program participant outcomes. Such agencies shall provide service  
17 that include, but need not be limited to, (A) anger management, (B)  
18 family counseling, (C) substance abuse education, (D) assessment and  
19 treatment for substance abuse, (E) domestic violence identification and  
20 prevention, and (F) community service opportunities. The  
21 Commissioner of Children and Families and the Chief Court  
22 Administrator shall collaborate with school districts in the  
23 municipalities in which the program operates to provide program  
24 participants with tutoring services, special education and truancy  
25 prevention service.

26 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families and the Chief Court  
27 Administrator shall develop the program to utilize existing community  
28 services in the municipality in which the program operates. Said  
29 commissioner and administrator, in consultation with municipal police  
30 departments and youth service bureaus, as described in section 10-19m  
31 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, serving the municipality  
32 in which the program operates, shall identify (1) all community services  
33 that are available to children who are referred to the program and  
34 members of their families; and (2) gaps in such services. Said  
35 commissioner and administrator, in consultation with such municipal  
36 police departments and youth service bureaus, shall take steps to  
37 eliminate such service gaps.

38 (d) Municipal police departments in which the diversion First  
39 program operates shall consider referring to the program juveniles  
40 involved in criminal activity who are chronically absent from school.  
41 The program shall provide opportunities for victim input utilizing a  
42 restorative justice model and allow for identification of measurable  
43 outcomes.

44 Sec. 2. Section 10-19m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

46 (a) For the purposes of this section, "youth" means a person from birth  
47 to eighteen years of age. Any one or more municipalities having a

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Number: 1 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 9:55:37 AM

Please consider adding "...shall provide services utilizing RESTORATIVE PRACTICES that include..."

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Number: 2 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 4:42:24 PM

Regarding "tutoring services, special education and truancy prevention services" is this in collaboration with the school system?

Please consider adding "...special education and truancy prevention services IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM."

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Number: 3 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/22/2023 12:43:49 PM

Is Diversion First an existing evidence-based program? Improvements to the current system are underway and should be considered prior to enacting a replacement program.

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Number: 4 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 4:47:17 PM

Please consider removing " or who are chronically absent from school."

Reasoning: Youth that are truant or chronically absent are not appropriate for a diversion system focused on delinquency.

\* If you wish to keep the language, please consider adding "...involved in criminal activity AND SCHOOLS IN WHICH THE DIVERSION FIRST PROGRAM OPERATES SHALL CONSIDER REFERRING TO THE PROGRAM YOUTH WHO ARE TRUANT FROM SCHOOL."

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Number: 5 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 10:07:28 AM

Currently police are not able to refer for absenteeism/truancy. Referrals come from school because they are not considered delinquency matters. (Please also see previous comments regarding chronic absenteeism language)

48 population of less than seventy thousand <sup>1</sup> or any one or more private  
 49 youth-serving organizations, designated to act as agents of one or more  
 50 municipalities <sup>2</sup> [ , may] having a population of less than seventy  
 51 thousand <sup>3</sup> shall establish a multipurpose youth service bureau for the  
 52 purposes of evaluation, planning, coordination and implementation of  
 53 services, including prevention and intervention programs for  
 54 delinquent, predelinquent, pregnant, parenting and troubled youths  
 55 referred to such bureau by schools, police, juvenile courts, adult courts,  
 56 local youth-serving agencies, parents and self-referrals. A youth service  
 57 bureau shall be the coordinating unit of community-based services to  
 58 provide comprehensive delivery of prevention, intervention, treatment  
 59 and follow-up services.

60 (b) A youth service bureau established pursuant to subsection (a) of  
 61 this section may provide, but shall not be limited to the delivery of, the  
 62 following services: (1) [Individual] Screening using a validated risk and <sup>3</sup>  
 63 needs assessment screening tool to develop a plan for services <sup>4</sup>  
 64 comprehensive case management and coordination services; (3)  
 65 individual and group counseling; [(2)] (4) parent training and family  
 66 therapy; [(3)] (5) restorative justice practices; (6) work placement and  
 67 employment counseling; [(4)] (7) educational advocacy and educational  
 68 supports; (8) alternative and special educational opportunities; [(5)] (9)  
 69 recreational and youth enrichment programs; [(6)] (10) outreach  
 70 programs to [insure] ensure participation and planning by the entire  
 71 community for the development of regional and community-based  
 72 youth services; [(7)] (11) preventive programs, including youth  
 73 pregnancy, youth suicide, violence, alcohol and drug prevention; and  
 74 [(8)] (12) programs that develop positive youth involvement <sup>4</sup>  
 75 services shall be designed to [meet the needs of youths by the diversion  
 76 of troubled] divert youths from the justice system [as well as by the  
 77 provision of] and provide opportunities for all youths to function as  
 78 responsible members of their communities. If the youth service bureau  
 79 has identified services that are needed by a youth but cannot be  
 80 provided by the youth service bureau, the youth service bureau shall  
 81 refer such youth to an appropriate service provider in the community

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Number: 1 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 4:49:58 PM

Please consider removing the population threshold so all communities can continue to operate under the state statute. This would allow all municipalities with a YSB to continue to provide services including diversion.

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Number: 2 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 4:50:15 PM

Please consider removing the population threshold so all communities can continue to operate under the state statute. This would allow all municipalities with a YSB to continue to provide services including diversion.

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Number: 3 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 10:28:43 AM

Please consider adding ".... a plan for services FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN A DIVERSION PROGRAM."

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Number: 4 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 10:33:15 AM

The new language (individual counseling, educational advocacy, etc.) may require an additional level of expertise and training in some YSBs/ municipalities.

82 who can provide the needed services. <sup>1</sup> Not later than fifteen days after  
 83 such referral, the referring youth service bureau shall consult with the  
 84 provider to whom it referred such youth for a service status report. If  
 85 the youth service bureau determines that the diversion to community  
 86 services was unsuccessful, the youth service bureau shall refer such  
 87 youth back to the juvenile justice and court system.

88 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall adopt  
 89 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
 90 establishing minimum performance standards for such youth service  
 91 bureaus and the criteria for qualifying for state cost-sharing grants,  
 92 including, but not limited to, allowable sources of funds covering the  
 93 local share of the costs of operating such bureaus, acceptable in-kind  
 94 contributions and application procedures. The commissioner shall, [on  
 95 December 1, 2011] not later than December 1, 2024, and biennially  
 96 thereafter, submit a state-wide performance report to the [General  
 97 Assembly] Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee established  
 98 pursuant to section 46b-121n on the referral or diversion of children and  
 99 youth under the age of eighteen years from the juvenile justice system  
 100 and the court system. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, (1)  
 101 demographic data on age, race, ethnicity and gender of children and  
 102 youth receiving services from youth service bureaus, (2) results of any  
 103 screenings conducted, (3) data on the types of services provided, (4) data  
 104 on program completion and outcomes, (5) the number of times any child  
 105 or youth is so diverted, (6) the number of children and youth diverted,  
 106 (7) the type of service provided to any such child [by whom.] or youth,  
 107 (8) identification of the juvenile justice or court system from which such  
 108 child or youth was diverted, (9) the ages of the children and youth  
 109 diverted, (10) identification of any youth service bureau not meeting  
 110 established minimum performance standards, established by the  
 111 commissioner pursuant to this subsection, and (11) an outline of a  
 112 performance improvement plan, developed in accordance with  
 113 subsection (d) of this section, for such youth service bureau, and such  
 114 other information and statistics as the General Assembly may request  
 115 from time to time. Any such report shall contain no identifying



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Number: 1 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 4:54:47 PM

Please consider removing "Not later than fifteen days after such referral, the referring youth service bureau shall consult with the provider to whom it referred such youth for a service status report. If the youth service bureau determines that the diversion to community services was unsuccessful, the youth service bureau shall refer such youth back to the juvenile justice and court system."

Reasoning: The fifteen day requirement does not take into consideration barriers for families including waitlists, transportation, scheduling, potential cost, unsuccessful match between provider and youth, etc..

\*If you wish to keep the language, please consider increasing the fifteen days after referral to thirty days and referencing youth in a diversion program.

Please consider the following language "FOR YOUTH IN A DIVERSION PROGRAM, NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SUCH REFERRAL....".

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Number: 2 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/21/2023 4:55:49 PM

Please consider changing ".....youth service bureau shall refer such youth TO THE REFERRING AGENCY."

Reasoning: A YSB can not send a case directly to court. It must go back to the police in order to refer the case to court.

116 information about any particular child or youth.

117 (d) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop and  
 118 implement a performance improvement plan for each youth service  
 119 bureau not meeting the minimum performance standards established  
 120 by the commissioner and shall offer technical and other needed  
 121 assistance to such youth service bureau directly or through a third party  
 122 to comply with such performance standards.

123 (e) Each youth service bureau shall, not later than September 1, 2024,  
 124 and annually thereafter, report the following information to the  
 125 Commissioner of Children and Families: (1) Demographic data on  
 126 children and youth served, including age, race, ethnicity and gender; (2)  
 127 results of any screening conducted; (3) services provided; (4) service  
 128 completion; and (5) outcome data. Any such report shall not contain  
 129 identifying information about any particular child or youth.

130 (f) For purposes of this section, "divert" means to provide an  
 131 alternative to a court referral for a juvenile arrested <sup>1</sup> for the first or second  
 132 time of an infraction or misdemeanor, including, but not limited to: (1)  
 133 Simple trespass under section 53a-110a; (2) creating a public disturbance  
 134 under section 53a-181a; (3) disorderly conduct under section 53a-182; (4)  
 135 fifth degree larceny under section 53a-125a; (5) sixth degree larceny  
 136 under section 53a-125b; and (6) breach of the peace under section 53a-  
 137 18<sup>2</sup>

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2024	10-19m

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the development of a juvenile diversionary program and make changes to the statute concerning youth service bureaus.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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Number: 1 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/22/2023 5:21:08 PM

Please consider removing the word "arrested" and replace with "JUVENILE ENGAGING IN DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR"

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Reasoning: This would not allow for youth to be referred to diversion prior to arrest.

Number: 2 Author: katdu Subject: Sticky Note Date: 3/22/2023 12:56:19 PM

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Reasoning: This would ensure a wide variety of behaviors can be diverted. Alternatively, expanding the list of offenses would clarify behaviors that could be diverted.



## David Melillo

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**From:** Erin Gaudet <eringaudet@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:09 AM  
**To:** Maryann O'Donnell  
**Cc:** David Melillo; Kristin LaLima  
**Subject:** Re: School District Liaison  
**Attachments:** HSAB By-Laws 090220.pdf

I attached a copy of the HSAB By-laws, please refer to Membership, Article 2 section D. We also have Amanda Stevens on the board who is another CPS employee. We can use Shelby as the school rep so long as we get your permission and Shelby agrees.

Thanks for your help on this

Erin

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 8:44 AM  
**To:** Andrea Reu; Karl Kilduff; Mary Schettino; Christopher Aniskovich; David Melillo  
**Subject:** Re: Checking on Human Services

Good Morning Andrea! So nice to hear from you! I had no idea of your strong interest in Human Services. Had I known I would have reached out for assistance on some projects we had going on. Will definitely contact you when another opportunity arises.

Gerry Vece submitted an email resignation on 9/22/2022 to Mary, Karl, David and myself. The vacant seat shows on our HSAB page on the town website. As you know anyone interested in serving on a board or commission need to apply and submit their application to the Town Council. Please refer to the Town Council Policy Governing Filling of Vacancies on Boards & Commission, which you can find on the Town of Clinton website.

As you are aware, all our meetings are open to the public and we encourage all to join. Our meeting schedule can be found online as well. All meetings are virtual, using "Go To Meeting" link which is posted on the towns calendar.

Feel free forward your person of interest to me, or give them my information. I would be happy to introduce them to our advisory board duties and answer any questions they might have. I hope anyone that is interested in the seat will come to a meeting first to make sure it is a good fit for them.

Thanks!

Erin

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 02:40:45 PM EDT, Andrea Reu <andreareu8@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Erin - I hope you are well and that you are enjoying your leadership on the Human Services Advisory Board. I am interested in attending your next meeting and bringing another interested party. Could you let me know when and where that will be.

I also wanted to check in, as nominations chair for the Clinton Democrats, I wanted to double check if there was an opening? I heard from Gerry Vece that he had stepped down, which I did not know. And I am not certain you or Mary know, if he sent in a resignation. As you are well aware, I have a strong interest in the importance of your Board. As a Democrat, much of my core values lie within the scope of your work. I want to make sure the person who fills Gerry's seat is a solid Democrat and will be looking for the perfect match to work with you and add value to the team.

Many thanks Andrea