



## COUNCIL ON THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

August 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Via Videoconference

### **Members in Attendance:**

Aishala Burgess  
Renee Carthan  
Leslie Chambers  
Kevin Griffin-Clark  
Dr. Dana Foster  
Dominique Jones-Johnson  
Ivy Mathis

Richard Pittman  
Kim Robinson  
Ashley Sias  
William A. Sommers (proxy)

### **Guests in Attendance:**

Jarwanda Harris  
Dr. Tewabetch Negatu

### **Call to Order:**

Ms. Jones-Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

### **Minutes:**

Ms. Jones-Johnson made a motion to approve the July minutes. Kim Robinson approved the motion and Ashley Sias second that motion.

### **Re-shared vision for CIP report:**

Ms. Dominique went through an overview of the CIP report that will be due in 2022. She notified members on the call that breakout session time will be used to finalize a list of 10-15 questions and to finalize a transcriber for each subcommittee. She also highlighted the importance of members thinking of questions that truly capture the experience of those currently incarcerated and shared that a majority of the report would be qualitative in nature.

### **Breakout sessions:**

Breakout sessions lasted for 20 minutes and members used a shared google link to finalize 10-15 questions for each subcommittee group.

### **Discussion & Feedback:**

Subcommittee members were asked to share topics discussed from their breakout sessions. Below are a few of the topics addressed.

- **Data/Research** – Ms. Jones-Johnson expressed that their group would be collecting data on homelessness, foster care rates and juvenile custody rates.

- **Youth** – Ivy Mathis expressed how their questions were strategically placed to ensure youth were comfortable and able to be open.
- **Caregivers** – Jarwanda Harris expressed the importance of having demographic questions and asked if it could be included in the beginning of the survey. One question would ask the caregiver how incarceration impacts the youth in their care.

**Next Steps & Timeline:**

Ms. Jones-Johnson stated she would work towards finalizing all questions by next week and work with Dr. Negatu to create the link. Once the survey is complete, she will work with the chairs to push out the survey to a variety of networks. Jarwanda suggested that volunteers should be recruited to help conduct the interviews. Other options included scheduling zoom calls and having them recorded. The below individuals volunteered to be transcribers for each subcommittee.

Caregivers: Jarwanda Harris  
Data/Research: Dr. Dana Foster  
Youth: Will be revisited later

**Public Comments**

Ms. Jones Johnson reminded members that the council has an opportunity to present in front of the juvenile judges on September 17<sup>th</sup> to notify them of the council and if they would allow juveniles who are housed to participate

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.