

Eliminating Racial Disparities (ERD) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Location: Virtual

Minutes

Attendance – Diana Wilkie, Kendra Bostick, Jen Morningstar, Latisce Williams, Judge Willms, Neal Margolies, Cynthia Prosek, Tom Arneson, Valerie Estrada, Mark Joseph, Morgan Kunz, Charles Peterson, Ademir Escobar-Bonilla, Stacie Gillette, Judge Fellman, Judge Bransford, Judge Kappelhoff, Lisa McNaughton, Amanda Joerz, LaTonya Reeves, Willie Bridges, Jerald Moore, Taska Welters, Chris Davis, Sarah Davis, Kim J Johnson, Carrie Yeager, Sierra Leone Samuels

- **Welcome** – Judge Willms
- **Court Update on EJJ Filing** – Judge Willms (see attached document)
- **Disparities in EJJ/Adult Certification motions from charging decisions to disposition – creating a systems process map**
 - Pronounced disparities – looking at decision points from early points through disposition
 - Focus on the process and how it gets to and goes through the court process
 - No disparities in the filing of motions, but conversations around disparities through the process
 - How are negotiated resolutions handled?
 - Must pay attention to time of completion
 - Decision points – resolutions regarding race, decision to revoke, reducing length of time on probation (EJJ)
 - Interventions tried earlier not successful in pre-motivated cases. There are disparities in success through programming. Front end services remain critically important

- What services/negotiations are offered at disposition (CBAS v OHP). Placements based on level of care not negotiations
 - Punishment vs rehabilitation -should not be negotiating time on probation or EJJ
 - Most cases do end up in negotiations. We need to speed up time to get reports, evaluations, and assessments
 - Less kids in detention could reduce tension. There is too much time from incident to petition filing
 - It is harder to release kids because of public safety – level of threat and violence. Is there info CA can get sooner to speed up the process prior to motion?
 - We need true partnership to help speed up the process
 - It is taking longer to get records – probation and psych services share records
 - There are a of pre-pleas. JP to do pre-assessment to possibly divert from probation
 - There is a need to look at if the case chargeable. Need to look at evidence in case, not juvenile history, then figure out if they want to file a motion
 - We still want to make sure we are making the best and right decision for the kids – that is where there can be an issue with expediting the process
 - We need to do a better job of negotiation and family buy-in, we need to give families time to process and understand
 - There is a concern about negotiations when public safety is also a concern
 - Out of home placements is a coin-flip when it comes to future behaviors
 - We need to slow down the process by figuring out what is best for youth and families – importance of community connection
 - Youth and families need to feel welcomed into the court system – it helps them feel heard/sense of joining
 - Need to get more police officers involved
 - We want what is best for our kids – wellbeing of our kids is of the utmost importance
- ❖ CA Office – slow down/early intervention/public safety
 - ❖ Courts – decision of what happens in the meantime
 - ❖ Probation – collaborating with partners, front-end services
 - ❖ PD Office – family perspective

Leadership Team will look at research and best practices and come back with recommendations

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2022, 4:00PM-5:30PM VIRTUAL