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4. Kim suggested that the group discuss policies and practices related to motion to transfer from adult to juvenile courts. Including the time period between request and decision; cases starting in juvenile court as opposed to adult, etc.
   a. Senator Pansing-Brooks introduced a Bill that addressed such policies

5. Activity
   a. Legislative updates
      i. YRTC’s
         1. No new updates as Legislation Hearings were suspended due to current pandemic
      ii. Use of confinement
         1. Legislation passed and should go into effect July/August.
   b. Status of Advocacy Guidelines Memo – OYS
      i. The memo was placed on hold for the April meeting; however, will be placed on the June OYS Steering Committee Meeting.
   c. Best practices – Small work groups
      i. There are 4 action steps under Strategy 3- Codify National best practices for youth and families involved or at risk of the becoming involved in the juvenile justice system, which eliminate systemic barriers: Detention, Diversion, EM/Tracker and Mental Health/IEPS.
      ii. A Doodle Survey will be sent out requesting all workgroup members to identify which small working group(s) they would like to be part of (detention, diversion, EM/Tracker and Mental Health/IEPs). The group also discussed adding a 5th small workgroup of Develop strategies for 2020/2021 related to policy and practice that this group will focus on, starting with motion to transfers.
      iii. The small groups will meet the months of May and June, and report back to the larger group, when we resume in July.

6. Next Steps
   a. Karla will send out the Doodle Survey.
   b. All members to respond to Doodle Survey.
   c. Small workgroups will meet in May and June to discuss next steps including action, implementation, etc.

7. Feedback Survey – Sent out

Next Meeting: Monday, July 27, 2020, location TBD. Small workgroups will meet in May and June and report out to the large Policy Group in July; thus nor large meetings in May or June.

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