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**Council for Equitable Youth Justice**  
**Meeting Notes April 18, 2024, 10:30 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom meeting or in WSOC if desired.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86430182600?pwd=AJpNlV0hgjgriHL8rjqzktSaDfJnAy.1>

Members Present: Laurey Burris, Linda Johnson, Donn Hutchins, Amy Davenport, Jessica Barquist, Mike Loner, Sparks, Karen Vastine, Christopher Lukasik, Stuart Berry, Julia Brand, Katherine O’Day

Members Missing: Matt Wolf

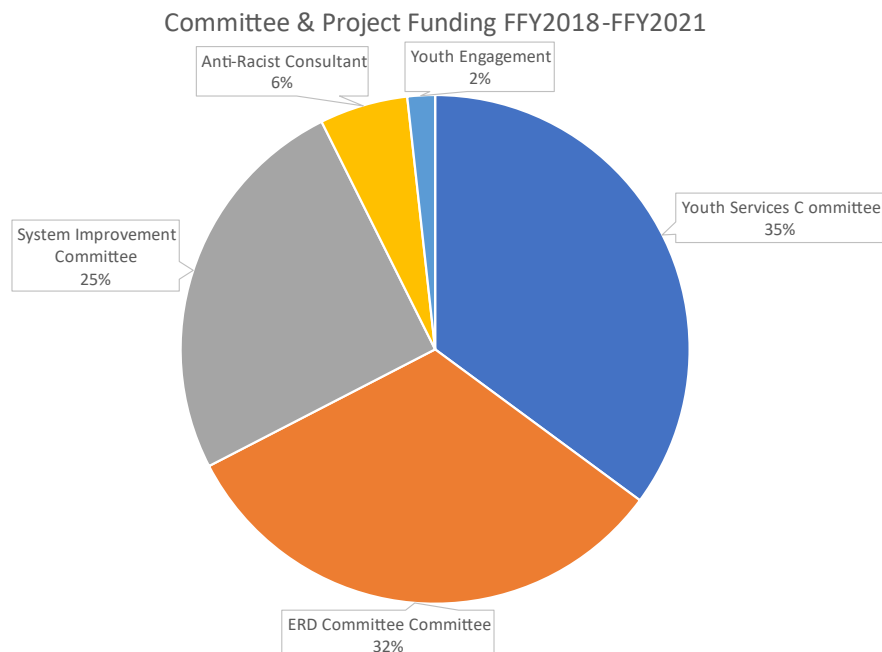
Partners Present: Kreig Pinkham, Taylor Welch, Elizabeth Morris

- July 10<sup>th</sup> - Retreat Date. Location is TBD, Silver Lake State Park is full.
- The Anti-Racism Scoring has been complete, and a bidder has been selected. Agreement in the works, hopefully with a start date of middle of the summer. We had over a dozen bids, which we narrowed down to three finalists that we met with virtually.

Motion to Approve the March Notes. Seconded. Passed. Unanimous.

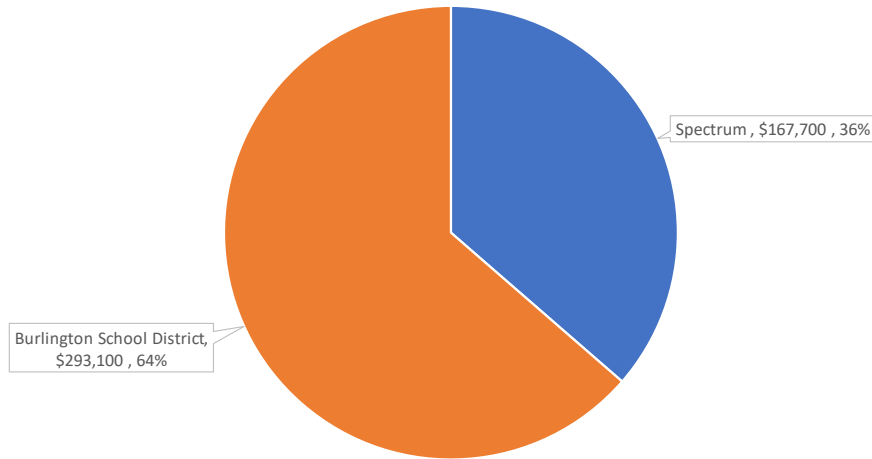
Budget Overview & Vote on how much funding to each committee for FFY2022 and FFY2023 grants

- Total of \$532,474 from FFY2022 and FFY2023 available to committees for their projects.
- We must spend a total of \$241,570 from FFY2022 on funding addressing our core requirement problem, with up to \$150,000 already approved by the CEJY for a consultant on a future secure facility. There has been some conversation about using the remaining \$91,570 for DOC training.

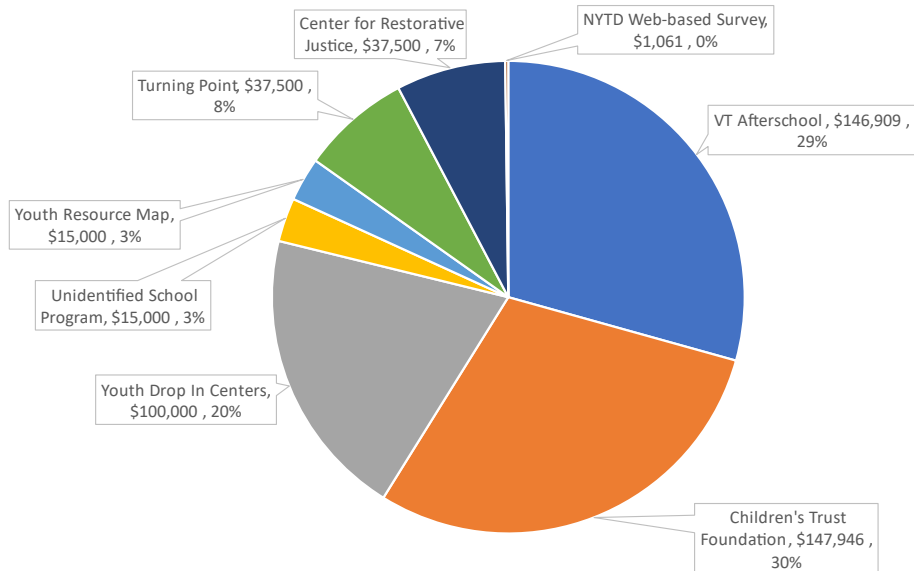


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## ERD Committee Funding FFY2018 -FFY2021

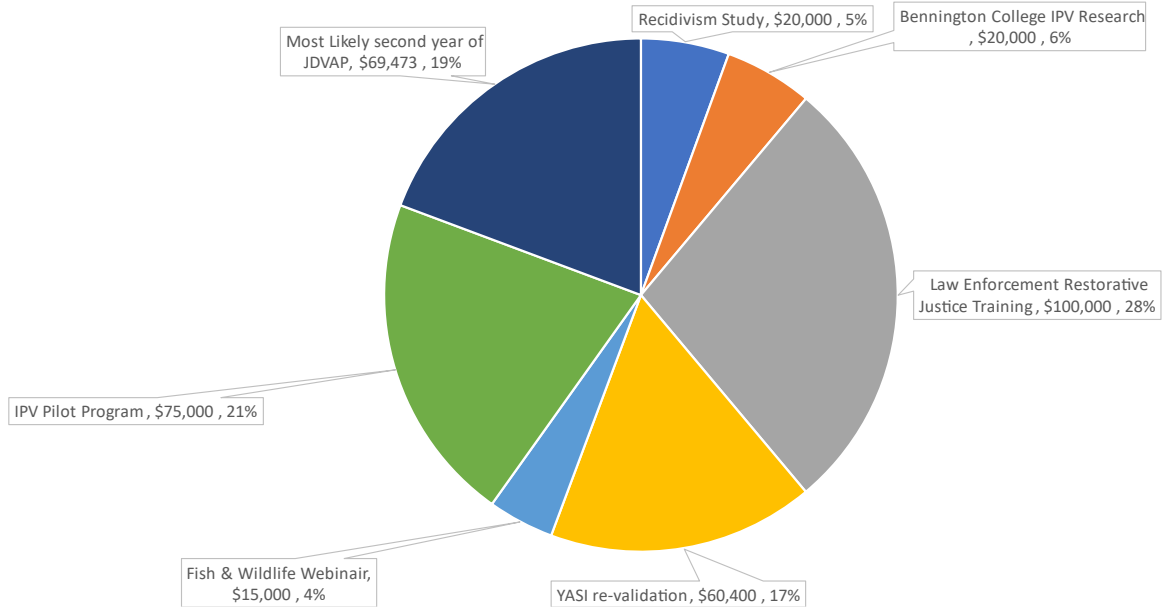


## Youth Service Funding FFY2018 -FFY2021



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## System Improvement Funding FFY2018 -FFY2021

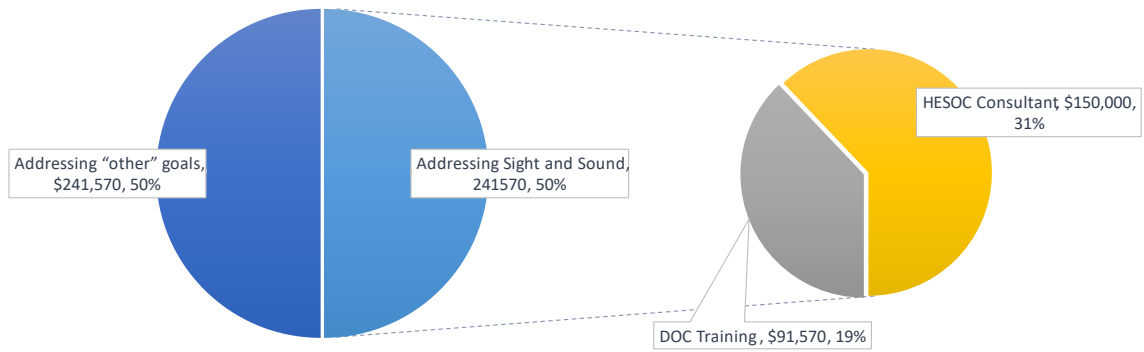


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## FFY2022 Title II Funds

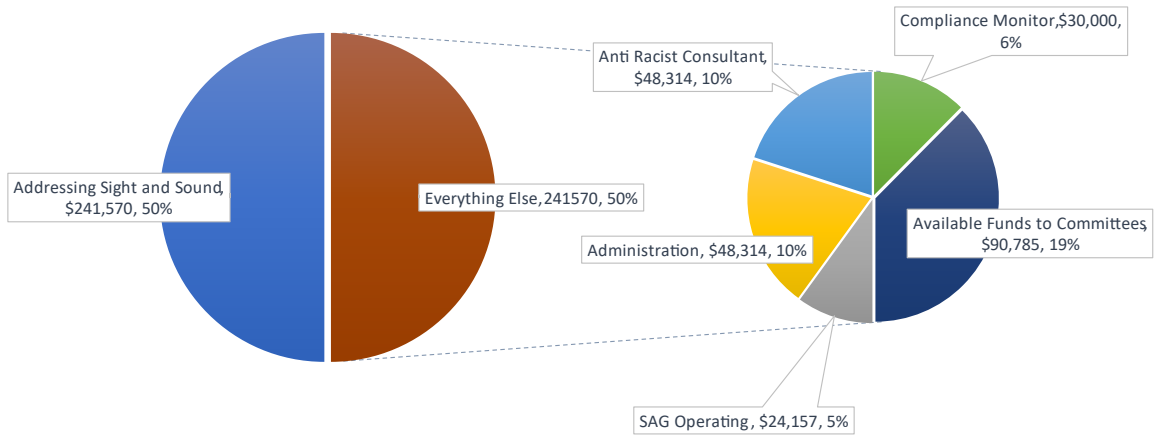


## FFY2022 Sight and Sound



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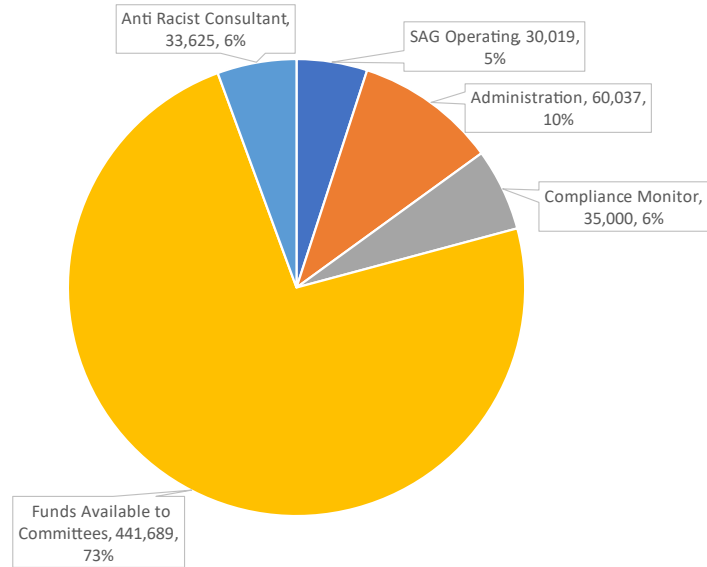
## FFY2022 Funds Available to Committees



## FFY2023 Grant

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## FFY2023: \$600,370



## The Question...

Title II Grant	Funding Available for Committees	
FFY2023	\$441,689	
FFY2022	\$90,785	

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- Motion to approve the FFY2022 and FFY2023 budget as reviewed by Elizabeth, with the caveat that \$195,000 goes to SI, \$200,000 goes to ERD, and \$137,474 goes to YS from the FFY2022 and FFY2023 formula grant. Seconded. Passed. Unanimous.

Next Steps with HESOC:

- HESOC discussed in detail the parameters that the Council approved for the consultant. There were a few additions (gender disparity focus, religious disparity focus). The Proposal for funds was the bones for the letter to OJJDP. Next step will be for a small group to draft the RFP that goes out through DCF. Remember, we will be maintaining two elements of red tape – both the feds and state procurement. Consultant is to make sure that we have the right sized system!

Youth Judiciary Data Continuation:

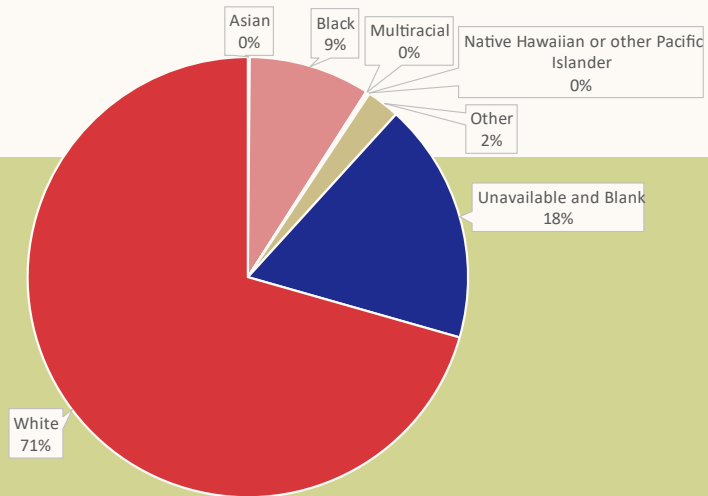
**Judiciary Database: FFY2021-FFY2023** 6

## YOUTH CRIMINAL FILINGS

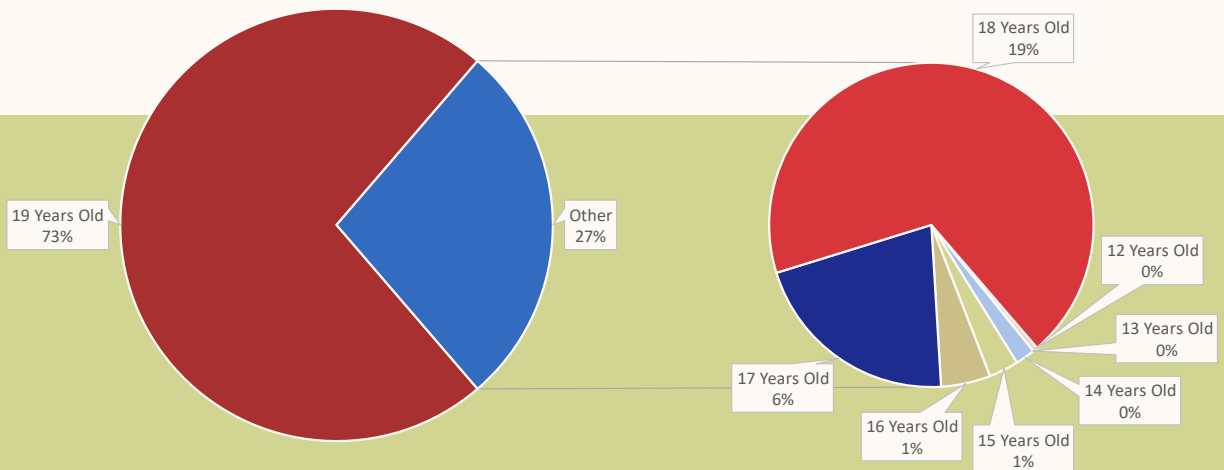
	Asian	Black	Multiracial	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	Other	Unavailable and Blank	White	Total
12						1		1
13								
14						1	3	4
15		1				2	3	6
16		1	1		2	1	5	10
17		1			1	12	29	43
18		11			6	41	81	139
19	1	52			1	9	73	402
Total	1	66	1		1	18	131	523

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## YOUTH CRIMINAL FILINGS BY RACE: 12-19 YEAR OLDS



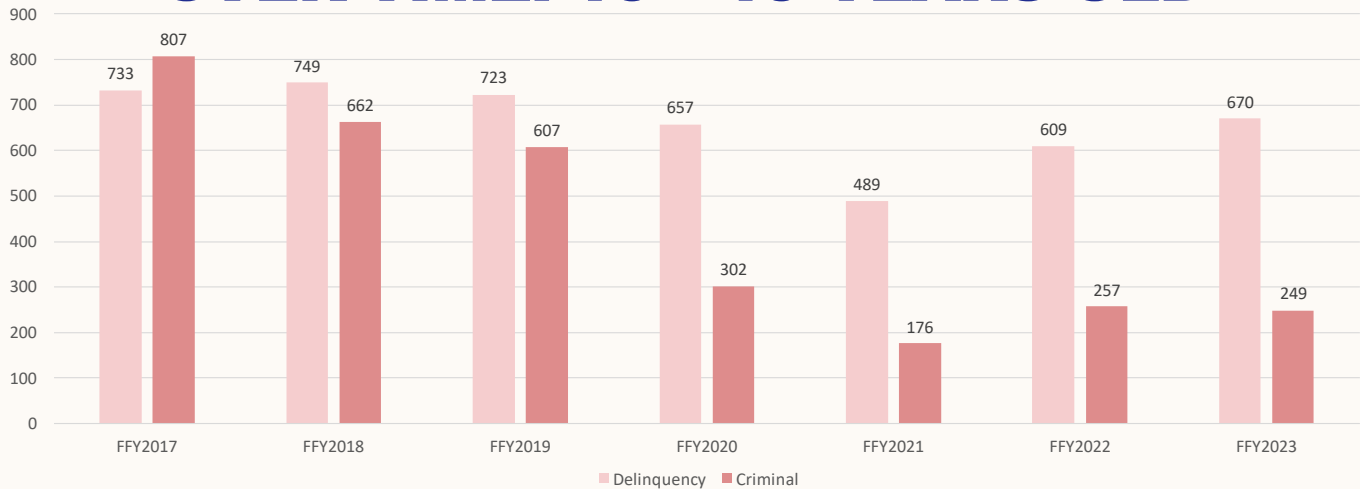
## YOUTH CRIMINAL FILINGS BY AGE





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## DELINQUENCY & CRIMINAL FILINGS OVER TIME: 10 – 19 YEARS OLD



Three Year Plan: work thus far from the committees is imbedded into the template below

Goals: broad statements that identify the proposed plan’s intended short- and long-term results, are derived from the crime analysis, and respond to the identified needs and problems.	Objectives: specific, actionable, and quantifiable statements that further define each goal and specify the means to measure program performance.	Path for achieving goals: (1) describe goals and objectives, (2) indicate the priority ranking for each goal, and (3) briefly explain how the state proposes to accomplish them.	Activities and Programs: describe the activities, services, and projects proposed over the course of the 3-year plan to attain each goal and its subsidiary objectives.
Ensure that Vermont’s justice system, through a lens of dismantling white supremacy and patriarchal culture, has an appropriate response to youth and young adults engaging in behaviors that can be charged as delinquencies or youthful offenses.	<i>Programming</i>   Programming available to youth are identity-appropriate, trauma-informed, and restorative in nature that connects juveniles to their communities and people harmed by adverse behavior, in the lightest appropriate manner.	1. 2. 3.	1. Identify gaps in services for youth and make recommendations for funding options for needed services.  2. Pilot innovative disposition options for juvenile delinquency and youthful offender cases  3. Educate professionals attached to the justice system on alternatives to delinquency

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			<p>proceedings and post-disposition secure placements.</p> <p>4. Monitor hardware-secure/staff-secure residential placement availability in Vermont and enhance post-placement community-based services.</p>
	<p><i>Public Policy Change</i>   The Council actively engages in the legislative session each year to provide education to legislators on the best public policy to serve youth attached to the juvenile justice system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitor legislative activity affecting youth and young adults, specifically changes proposed to Title 33 of the Vermont Statutes</li> <li>2. Advocate for raising the minimum age of delinquency jurisdiction to 12 years old</li> <li>3. Advocate for right-sizing agency/organization personnel of the available programming to youth</li> <li>4. Foster relationships with legislators interested in juvenile justice reform</li> </ol>
	<p><i>Data</i>   The data in Vermont's juvenile justice system better reflects the system and the youth that are involved in the system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advocate for proper law enforcement and court data collection related to youth's demographic information.</li> <li>2. Advocate for proper data collection and reporting strategies for Pre-Charge, Court Diversion, and Disposition amongst the Court and Law Enforcement.</li> <li>3. Advocate for data collection and reporting where data easily integrates with other agencies' data.</li> </ol>
<p>Juvenile Justice system is more <b>racially</b> equitable.</p>	<p>The SAG will work with a consultant to address white</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recruit and seat three new members, specific members of</li> </ol>

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(Our RED plan will specify this further.)	supremacy culture and anti-racism within its operations.		the global majority, on the ERD Committee. The ERD Committee will conduct community partner outreach to find prospective members outside of Chittenden County.  2. Information about the work of the SAG with the consultant will be added in here as well.
	Work with relevant partners to educate the legislature on the benefits/need for adding a requirement in state statute that juvenile race data be required upon law enforcement filing the petition through the state’s attorney, and that filing be consistent throughout the state.	1. 2. 3.	
	The ERD Committee will ensure that all youth of the global majority who receive programming funded by the Committee will be afforded the opportunity to provide direct feedback regarding that programming, and, if applicable, the juvenile justice system.	1. 2. 3.	
Youth are actively engaged in their communities— participating in initiatives and programs that promote civic participation, social responsibility, and community development.	Develop and implement Positive Youth Development Programs that assist delinquent and at-risk youth in obtaining a sense of safety and structure, belonging and membership, self-worth and social contribution, independence and control over one's life, and closeness in interpersonal relationships (Title II Output 8.14).	1. 2. 3.	
	Gather perspectives of young people who are currently, at-risk of, or who have a past of	1. 2. 3.	

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	being justice-system-involved in order to provide decision-making bodies and youth justice entities information to make more relevant and responsive programs and policies.		
	Educate communities on effective strategies to amplify the impact of their youth engagement initiatives.	1. 2. 3.	

Committee Updates:

1. ERD Committee – continued to work on their respective goals, discussed the response from SA Eva Vekos about the 14-year old charged in criminal court in Addison County.
2. YS Committee – worked on the three-year plan
3. SI Committee – worked on the three-year plan
4. Governance Committee – **VOTE** on new elections time period
  - a. Current language in By-laws regarding Elections  
*The Council shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary/treasurer, from its members who shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. [33 V.S.A. Section 3302(c)]*

*Annual elections shall be held in October.*

Suggestion change is to below:

Annual elections shall be held during the Council’s annual retreat.

The term of office for all officers shall be from October 1 through September 30.

Motion to change the by-laws to change the annual elections to the Council’s annual retreat, and the term of office to start on October 1. Seconded. Passed. Unanimous.