



TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

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Camille Cain Discusses Long-term Strategy for TJJD at Board Meeting

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AUSTIN—Camille Cain, Executive Director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, addressed the TJJD Board of Directors at its quarterly meeting this morning in Austin. Cain discussed the Texas Model, her comprehensive strategy to move the agency forward, as well as her excitement at opportunities to work with members of the Legislature to find creative solutions to help the youth in TJJD’s care and build a long-term, sustainable model.

Among the key issues that Cain highlighted were focusing on increasing funding and options for the county probation departments and finding alternatives for better treatment options for the youth with the highest needs. Those strategies, combined with funds necessary to work with providers to create new residential placements throughout the system, along with other initiatives, will help continue to increase resources for probation, decrease the populations at our five secure facilities, provide for safer facilities, allow for better recruitment and staffing ratios, and create the opportunity to enact meaningful reform.

Cain also reiterated her desire to continue to work closely with lawmakers this session to work with them on their proposals. “During this legislative session, the most important thing that can happen for the juvenile justice system is that we all work together as a team to find the best solutions for the youth in our care,” Cain said. “I am energized by the interest that lawmakers have shown and am looking forward to supporting them in finding the best possible options.”

To watch her full remarks, please view the video on the TJJD Facebook page.

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