

OYS Absenteeism Task Force

Regular meeting, 1/27/16

At the local CBA review, the Community Team recommended the forwarding of the Absenteeism Audit to the Crime Commission as part of the comprehensive DC funding proposal. In anticipation of the potential funding becoming available next fiscal year this group should finalize their vision for the scope of work anticipated from the project.

Team to develop scope of work – participants asked to submit their interest to the co-chairs prior to the next meeting. It is also appropriate to provide suggestions via email if you do not have time to participate on an ad hoc committee but still have suggestions/input.

Work Plan 1b & 1c – Quick Guide – a prompt and reminder to families

Discussion – When students are absent, do the parents know? Do they report it? Is there good communication from and with the home?

Discussion – Tardies – Often parents do not call in, contact is not established, youth do not serve consequence, youth is subsequently suspended for not serving the consequence.

Handout ES – Tardy Tablet: late to school/class – communication sheet

Communication Card – what direction should be given?

When your child will be absent – Call the school.

Discussion - Can we ask the schools what they are doing? It would be interesting to see what they report they are doing.

Reality & Practice of the law implementation

Consistent enforcement within the building

Discussion – Office staff intimidation

Ideas:

Quick card guide

Better Tracking re: why are youth missing, do parents know

Within each district – consistent communication with parents according to policy

Policy Barrier – How to proceed when parents are not engaged

CA office declining referral when parent not communicating

Poll Schools:

What are you doing to follow the truancy law?

How can we support you?

Develop Survey – Include mission statement, acknowledge support OYS has in the community.