

# Operation Youth Success Absenteeism Work Group



Date: March 23, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: UNO – Community Engagement Center,  
Room 128

## Agenda Items

### Welcome and Introductions

This is participatory group. Your input and feedback are of value to help this group move forward. We encourage and desire to have open and honest conversations while respecting everyone for their ideas. While we only have 60 minutes together we want to ensure there is robust and respectful conversation within this time frame while moving toward action to make a difference for student, families and schools.

### Announcements / Good News

- **Knowledge Exchange April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 to 12:30**
  - JAC Presentation
  - YOUTH Impact Presentation
  
- White House launched a National Effort and Ad Campaign to eliminate chronic Absenteeism – see this link for more information.  
<http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/fact-sheet-white-house-launches-new-national-effort-and-ad-council-campaign-eliminate-chronic-absenteeism-and-drive-student-success>
  
- Attendance Works has many good resources for our group
  - <http://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence-v-truancy/>
  - <http://www.attendanceworks.org/tools/assessments/power-positive-connections-toolkit/>
  - <http://awareness.attendanceworks.org/>

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- Review Request for Proposal (RFP) Draft
- What needs to change? Recommendations?
- Survey to School Districts

## Next Meeting/ Follow-ups

- April 28, 2016
- May 26, 2016

Time: 3 PM to 4:30 PM

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## Minutes

### Participants:

**Present:** Greg Emmel, Kori Moran, Whitney Mastin, Jennifer Miller, Octavia \_\_\_\_\_, Brenda Vosik, Janee Pannkuk, Treva Haugaard, Sarah Hayek, Sarah Graham

**Absent:** Stacy Horsham, Eric Stec, Ravin Henry, Darci Poland, Megan Addison, Amber Parker

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- OYS updates – face book page OYS & Juvenile Justice League – many links/resources included in both areas.
- Webpage for OYS – include calendar of event. Can ask for event to be placed on this calendar
- RFP for school reentry was awarded to category one
- Community Based Aid – Discussion on grant process with CBA – encouraged to always have project in different stages of development for future approval.

Q – *Are there funds available for children who may need different supports or economic supports (housing, utilities, food) ect – Emergency funds – not currently available through CBA*

Q – *How can families be more involved with this group to determine what they need regarding school supports / barriers to attendance. Looking for partnership with families / prevention group to work together on increase for family voice.*

### Announcements / Good News (in addition to what is above)

- DMC training – April 28<sup>th</sup> at Goodwill
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – OYS strategic planning session – final plan will be made available

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How do we accomplish all of the tasks and ideas generated by the group? The group as a whole has agreed they have 2 hours a month outside of this meeting to complete tasks – Will break down the amount of work moving forward with tasks and time needed.

- Review Request for Proposal (RFP) Draft
  - What needs to change? Recommendations?
  - DRAFT was provided to the group to review and bring back with suggested changes and input at the April meeting.
- Survey to School Districts – reviewed and discussed Questions and best format
  - Group member will send survey with personal touch to key school personnel .
  - Divided # of survey by each district to be completed.
  - OPS – Tyree (22)
  - Bennington – Sara G (1)
  - DC west – Sara G (1)
  - Westside – Treva (3)
  - Millard – Sarah H (3)
  - Ralston – Greg (1)
  - Elkhorn – Sarah H (1)

Time frame completed by next meeting if possible.  
Jennifer Miller will send revised survey to Treva and Janee.

## Public Comment:

There was one individual who spoke during this time.

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- o May 25, 2016

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