

Prevention Work Group
June 15, 2016
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Wurderman Conference Center Room 107

Welcome and Introductions - Guest Sergio Robles and Greg Hepburn, Jr.

- Sergio Robles works for the City of Omaha Fire Department as a Public Education Specialist
- Greg Hepburn, Jr. works for the Douglas County Youth Center as a Transition Specialist

OYS Updates (Janee)

- 2016 Juvenile Justice Symposium at UNO Community Engagement Center Friday, September 23rd from 8:30-4:30 pm. Presenters from the identified 10 touch points of the system. Luncheon Speaker - Topic "Self-Care" Save the Date!
- Community Based Aid (CBA) subgrant adjustment. Most applications were approved for the 2015-16 funds. Extension approved for September 30, 2016 to spend funding. 2016-17 Grant funds accepted 6/14/16 (ahead of the game). CBA funds will be available on July 1, 2016. Quarterly Meeting was held on 6/15/16 to discuss budgets and excessive funds. Last year they had \$250,000 and this year it was down to \$4484.40 **Check work plan for funding opportunities.** Quarterly meetings are proactive and have open communication to help with being more effective with the money. Working on the percentages of funding going to the community versus to find organization's salaries.
- Steering Committee Meeting 6/16/16 - Will discuss the Douglas County Juvenile Justice Community Plan. Next Tuesday will be presented to the County Commissioners and then the Crime Commissioners. Also will review CBA policies and procedures and hope for a final in July.
- **Announcement - Group is seeking 3rd Co-Facilitator. Survey will be sent.**

Follow-ups from previous meeting:

1. Mount View Community Resource Fair - June 16 from 2:30-4:30 - Make connections. Anyone able to attend, please do. Ronda will attend. Morisha and David will also attend if schedule permits
2. Mount View Community Mapping - Spoke to Principal (Megan) about possible collaboration. Will be a great opportunity for both partners
3. McMillian Connection (David) - Connecting with schools located in the identified zip codes. Subgroups have visited both Mount View and McMillian. David and Sergio met with the Principal of McMillan 2 months ago.
 - a. "Family Trauma" - Students can receive counseling if they report the need. Currently self-identification is only referral

- b. "Trauma Training" - A small population of teachers receive "trauma" training. Principal is leading efforts to become a Trauma Informed School. Stated that she currently has access to the Community Counselor - Roxanne Wayne (Methodist Therapist) twice a week but needs more access
 - c. "Vicarious Trauma Training" - In the infancy stages of their 3 year plan.
 - d. "Barriers school is experiencing" - Commitment and positive energy from parents. Majority of the Principal's contact with parents was only after discipline actions of child(ren). Many unsuccessful attempts to engage parents in positive gatherings even offers food and prizes. Previous attempt 100 out of 400 in attendance. How can we help?
 - i. Possible funding opportunity - Support funding for additional Methodist Community Counselors
 - 1. (<https://www.bestcare.org/methodist-hospital/services/behavioral-health/community-counseling-program/>) 402.354.6891
 - 2. David Mann will follow-up with McMillan Principal to determine if this will assist with current needs
 - e. "Youth entering the Juvenile Justice System" - According to the Principal, it is due to "Lack of parental involvement"
 - f. d "Teach Breath Learn" (<http://teachbreathelearn.com/>) was recommended.
4. PACE (formerly PALs - Police Athletic League update) - Ronda and Morisha will meet with the School Based Arrest Co-chairs for possible collaboration opportunities
 5. Discussion of additional neighborhood/grassroots organization in the identified communities that group could support current efforts
 - a. ABIDE - Ronda is still waiting for response. Will follow-up
 - b. No More Empty Pots - Miller Park location. Making sure families have good, quality foods to eat <http://www.nmepomaha.org/>
 - c. Teen Challenge - Presentation April 2016 meeting
 - d. Compassion in Action - Some of their current programs include Prison Ministry and RAW DAWGS - structured, graduated program for youth 5-13 years old. Breaking the "Cradle to Crime" cycle. Located at Franklin Elementary School. <http://compassioninactioninc.com/> Greg will invite organization to present at work group
 - e. Group Brainstorm additional ideas
 - i. Metro Area Youth Services (MAYS) - <http://maysomaha.org/index.html> Brandy will talk to Rodney about presenting to group 6/17/2016

- ii. Opportunity Youth (Ronda and Janee) - Hopes to merge with current efforts. Ideal target group - youth 16-26 years old that are disconnected from school, employment, or underemployed. Ronda and Erin Porterfield(?) currently chairs of group.
 - 1. In the development stages of "Alliance for Opportunity Youth" creating a "Hub" - if youth has identified need(s) they will be referred by a community partner. Youth will then go through assessments by their multidisciplinary team (including mental health and substance abuse professionals) that will provide connections, resources and ongoing support to ensure youth's success. Future hopes - "Hub" will have a physical location for the youth to visit and youth can self refer.
- iii. InCommon (Ronda) - 1340 Park Ave. Met with Christine Grey. Established a "Neighborhood Community Center" and have a partnership with the Faith Community. Funding through various fundraising efforts. Willing to assist OYS replicate Community Center if wanting to establish own. Offers such things as computer access for neighbors, exercise classes, books, English as a Second Language classes to support Spanish speaking community. <http://incommoncd.org/>
- iv. Omaha 360 - Meeting July 16th for discussion on current community efforts. **Janee and Morisha will attend and follow-up**

6. Next steps

- a. Explore idea of getting additional McMillan Counselors**
 - b. Ronda contacting Methodist also attending Community Resource Fair (Morisha and David also possibilities)**
 - c. Ronda and Morisha will meet with the School Based Arrest Task Force Co-chairs for possible collaboration efforts with P.A.C.E. and follow-up**
 - i. Also see highlighted text**
- 7. Next Meeting July 20th - Wurdeman Conference Center Room 107 (Omaha Home for Boys - South) from 3:00-5:00 pm**