

OYS Policy Committee

Meeting date: Monday, March 28, 2016

Location: UNO Community Engagement Center

Attendees: Catherine Hall, Janee Pankkuk, Juliette Summers, Christine Henningsen, Laura McCormick, John Sciara, Patrick Bloomingdale, Chris Rodgers, Brad Alexander, Mary Visek, Kerri Peterson

- 1) **Welcome-** Welcome and introductions were made
- 2) **Purpose of the Committee-** The task of the committee was outlined. The purpose of the next few meetings would be to develop a framework from which to operate the committee
- 3) **Brainstorming-** The group brainstormed the parameters of the work for this group. See below

Guiding principles of the policy work:

- 1) Good public policy grows from the ground up
- 2) We should always keep DMC and trauma informed frameworks in our decision making
- 3) We should rely on the infrastructure that we have built with OYS, including the various committees
- 4) People who have gone through the system and people who are at the line level should be a key part of our community engagement strategy and informing our work
- 5) We should ask as a unified voice around suggested policy pieces that are grounded by our vision, mission, best or promising practice, and data
- 6) Let's not recreate the wheel or duplicate- use the current committee structures and advocacy group already in place

Priorities to ferret out and incorporate into a work plan:

- 1) School-based policy that results in discipline, truancy, run-aways, etc.
- 2) Monetary policy- How does the money flow and how do advocate for re-investment?
- 3) Legislative Policy- both at the state and federal level
- 4) Out of Home placement policies- How do we shift from out of home/state to treating our youth in our state? What is the continuum of options to keep kids here?
- 5) Community Based Aid Policy- How can we make recommendations to shape funding based on feedback, vision mission, best or promising practice, and data

Other items discussed:

- Ensuring someone from the policy committee is on every workgroup of OYS
- Can we start a CINS Unit?
- There is an on-going need for JJ 101- much like an annual state of the union
- Keep policy around special needs children in the front-- often a forgotten population
- Streamlining the communication between OYS Evaluation, Data, and Work Group and the newly forming Policy Work Group