

Operation Youth Success Steering Committee –Meeting Notes

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Civic Center

1819 Farnam St.

Omaha, NE. 68183

Room 903

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



1) Call to Order

2) Notice of Public Meeting Act

3) Motion to accept June Steering Committee meeting minutes

- a. Minutes accepted

4) Presentation

a. Prevention Work Group Presentation:

- Ronda Newman, Chair of Prevention Work Group

- Accomplishments – CBA and Neighborhood Grant for Norwood Park improvement
- Macro-level System Change
- Micro-level partnerships with community organizations
- Re-writing work plan with new strategies and focus areas
- Volunteering with Empowerment Network and 360
- Volunteered at Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth Parade and Native Omaha parade
- Partnering with schools to discover their needs
 - Comments:
 - Make sure that applicants meet the best practices of having the staff makeup being that of the youth you're trying to serve along with training.
 - Should annual cultural competency training be required?
 - Does the County have a process for rejecting applicants if they don't meet the standard? Yes, they can be denied.

5) Discussion

a. OYS's continued stewardship of Douglas County CBA

- i. State rules and regulations need to be followed.
- ii. A community group could be created that would handle the review and recommendations of the applications, made up of outside providers, appointed by the County Board. Final decision would be made by the Steering Committee.
- iii. Any member can look at those applications.
- iv. Comments:
 - Concern for opening it up to all.
 - If people up front on review process cannot apply for the funds, we should be consistent and not allow anyone on the final review team to apply for funds either.

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- Sudanese proposal was not approved. Plan was vetted by the work groups.
 - Trust the work groups, they do their job, they vet it.
 - Two recommended changes: 1) Have the County Board appoint a group to review and recommend applications, Steering Committee still has the final say; 2) The requests wouldn't need to originate in the work groups.
 - Would be a place for the community to participate in the OYS process.
 - Timeliness of the administration of the process; willingness to accept proposals from outside the group.
 - The Steering Committee should not be the only ones who vet grants.
 - People in the Steering Committee should not be allowed to apply for funding when they are receiving funding.
 - Conflict of interest cannot be eliminated on the back end because of the composition of this team.
 - Should not be applied to the front end if it cannot be applied to the back end.
 - The appointed group will have to understand the plan and the process.
 - Conflict of Interest statement in packet needs to be signed and returned today.
 - You're never going to take the angst out of the money, this is an attempt to make the process more neutral.
- v. Proposal: To create a new process of having a seven-member committee appointed by the County Board to handle the initial vet of proposals; but also eliminate the restriction that all proposals need to come through the committee, they can also come directly through the process.
1. Motion made; seconded.
 2. Does the group want to amend this motion to include a 2-year period where members of the initial piece to walk the committee through the process?
 - a. Comment:
 - i. Entire team doesn't need to be involved. Have a few staff members sit with them.
 - ii. Catherine was on the FLR and is staff, so she should work with the new committee.
 - iii. What constituency are we trying to meet by making this change? Who are we pleasing with this? Inclined to vote for it because it may take some tension out of the room.

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- iv. I don't think it is an improvement on the current process; I think we are blowing up the process. Dilutes, somewhat, the level of expertise from around this table.
 - v. We're never going to alleviate all the conflict; gives an extra layer of confidence by the community. I think it is a drastic improvement.
3. Motion Approved.
- b. OYS Steering Committee Membership
 - 1. Recommend the additions of Lisa Utterback and Beth Morrissette.
 - 2. Lisa Utterback, having been recommended and being present, is moved to be approved to join the Steering Committee. Motion made, seconded and approved. Orientation will be provided.
 - c. Community Engagement Community – mission statement & work plan
 - i. Item moved to next meeting.
 - d. JDAI & OYS Updates
 - i. Recommendation made that JDAI & OYS should have representation in each other's governance representation.
 - ii. Next month the Bylaws will be here.
 - iii. Program Coordinator interviews are ongoing.
 - iv. Data Analyst position will be advertised this week.
 - v. Other updates are in the packets.
 - vi. Comprehensive Plan update will be pushed back to next meeting for lack of time.
 - vii. Will invite Beth and Albert to come to the September meeting, as potential members.

6) Action Item:

7) Other Items:

- a. 8th Summer Family Picnic was held and over 100 people attended. Next one is scheduled for June 2, 2018.
- b. Next Brown Bagger: Special Education, is on Thursday, September 5, 12-1pm, Room 702 Civic Center.
- c. Starting 6th Year for Youth Impact!
- d. Looking at a unified family court.

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- e. Reminder: Conflict of Interest form needs to be signed and turned in before you leave.

8) Citizen Comments:

This is an opportunity for members of the audience to be heard at this time for a maximum of 3 minutes on any topic not on the agenda as it relates to the work of Operation Youth Success.

9) Motion to Adjourn:

Note: Any agenda item may be moved at any time at the discretion of the Operation Youth Success Steering Committee Chair.

Executive Session:

We reserve the right to enter an executive session in order to protect the public interest with respect to discussion regarding labor negotiations, litigation and personnel.