

# Operation Youth Success Absenteeism Work Group



Date: April 27, 2016  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Location: UNO – Community Engagement Center,  
Room 128

## Working Group Agenda Items

	Time
<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	3:00 – 3:10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome New member jaQuala Yarbo</li><li>- Announcements<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- United Way Training 5/24/16 9-3 pm<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Received in email/Opened for all. Please spread the word</li><li>- Please RSVP with Treva</li><li>- School-Based Coalitions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Focus - Attendance - bigger picture/community &amp; schools</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	
<u>Open Meeting</u>	3:10 – 3:15
➤ Read and review Open Meeting Guidelines for meetings	
<u>Announcements / Good News</u>	3:15 – 3:25
➤ Operation Youth Success Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Operationyouthsuccess.org</li><li>o DMC Training (1 of 3) @ Goodwill 4/28 9-3 pm. Open seats still available</li><li>o May 6th - Strategic Planning at UNO. 4 hour meeting. Final Draft will be posted on the OYS website</li></ul>	
➤ Knowledge Exchange April 25 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30 to 12:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o JAC/Youth Impact! Presented. Will have YouTube Video</li><li>o Feedback from presentation: “Statistics were shocking”, “Good Information”</li></ul>	
<u>Agenda</u>	3:25 – 4:00
➤ Community Based Aid Funding – there will be a subgrant adjustment this month. What are the direct services that can be provided to the area of attendance. Not included are salaries, but rather concrete <b>projects that can be completed by 6/30/16. (handout)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <b>CBA - Met last week. Subgrant adjustment - \$130k</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Asked OYS/JDAI for direct services/DMC related</b></li></ul></li></ul>	

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- **Deadline 4/26 - received 7-8 applications requesting more than the \$130k**
  - **First level review 5/2/16 - Steering Committee 5/6/16 then Crime Commission - No ETA but are being proactive and understand the “need”**
    - **Application received**
      - **Prevention - P.A.C.E for North and South Omaha**
      - **Families - OYS workgroup stipends for Community/Family Members**
      - **Re-Entry - Job Skills training (Summer)**
      - **ATD - Expand to cover probation youth**
      - **JDAI - Data Coordinator personnel starting earlier**
      - **DMC - Travel for Conference with 2 other applications**
    - **Next subgrant adjustment - October. These adjustment should occur every quarter.**
    - **Discussion - Don't wait on filling out an application for action steps that need funding. Gather support information/data early. Can submit before deadline.**
      - **Bus Tickets?**
- Review Request for Proposal (RFP) Draft (handout) - Needs to go to Legal
- What needs to change? Recommendations?
- Survey to School Districts (handout)
- Half of what was expected was received/some responses still coming. Need 15 more responses
    - Who do we need to hear from?
      - Teachers
      - Elkhorn personnel
    - Reviewed themes and common responses of current surveys
      - Difference between Elementary and Middle/High Schoolers

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- Common answers - Students refuse to go to school, illnesses, transportation, lack of consequences, and lack of accountability (parents/students)
- Need Community Counseling and Mental Health Services (heavy emphasis), need clear policies, early intervention screenings, outside services - Youth Attendance Navigator
  - What's missing? more staff/funding/capacity
    - Parents/students not responsive
    - No consistency and/or "punishment"
  - Wish list - Focus on the parents! Classes, clear guidelines, more student accountability and consequences
  - Rely heavily on: Social Workers, Guidance Counselors, GOALS, Arbor Family Counseling, and Region 6
- Reformat questions for students and parents (OPS has 20 days of school left)
- Summer meetings (June, July, August)
  - Due to attendance and Tornado Warning - discussion/decision will be made at next meeting

## Public Comment

4:00 – 4:30

- Review public comment guidelines
  - Will discuss at next Co-Chair meeting with the support of Nick J, Chris R, and Kerri P

## Next Meeting/ Follow-ups (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Dr. Jenny M - Will have more information regarding School Staff Survey

Treva - Will send out "gentle reminder" for current staff surveys and then email group on the results. Need more responses from OPS, Elkhorn, Westside, and Millard

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