

## Observation Protocol

Group (WG, SC, other): Families

Date: 7/21/15

Time: 9:00-11:00

Chairs/Co-Chairs: Dan and Margaret

In Attendance:

*On Time*

Stephen, Dan, Margaret, Amber, Janee, Tony H.

*Late*

Melissa M., A'Jamal, Rita M., Mary Jo T., Noelle, Cindy, Mark

If WG, anyone from the SC in attendance? Yes, Dan

OYS Backbone member present? Yes, both

Anyone not on the original group in attendance/Any engagement with other groups? Melissa Driscoll (works at the Public Defender's office)

Agenda for the meeting (attach if distributed)/Other handouts: Families Working Group: Meeting #7 slides, Douglas County Prior Areas

Summary of Meeting:

Icebreaker—what are you doing to vacay during the rest of the summer?

- Table is mostly empty, missing a significant number of WG members

Report back from SC from Janee—SC accepted responsibility of being the decision-maker for community-based aid, \$ comes from legislature to NCC, divyded up amongst entire state (overall pot was \$40 mil), Omaha gets \$1.3M (7/1/15-6/30/16), discussing the extra \$400k (this needs to be requested to SC at 8/20 meeting)

- Facilitator was Shawne Coonfare (conflict of interest) so OYS has taken it over
- Funds need to align with priority areas of the county plan
- Amber is the steward of the plan with respect to applications; will first go to Exec team, then SC, then county chambers
- Funds will be available in '16, need to start working on budget because the application is due by January to NCC
- Janee would like the WGs to each put forth a request if they have some strategies that have come forth
  - Not the only opportunity for funding
- If there are items or strategies that should be brought forth, then let's discuss it now

Dan: the 1.3M, how was that allocated? According to early FSG interviews—that \$ is already gone, and this was an unexpected addendum

- Need to have this request line up with our goals

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- Today, with our identified goals, how might we use money? Could we use information design about process, could we use brochures?
- Thinking about purchasing for transportation expenses; what does Mark think?
- The challenge here is that it is crunch time

A'Jamal: was very impressed with DCYC; did not expect that but wants more community input on this

- Concerned with lack of community participation—how many folks make decisions on the behalf of the many
- Any type of outreach works for me
- Need to show some outcomes so how do we make efficient use of those dollars?
- All in agreement

Amber: anything this group can do right now?

- Other WGs already have projects that are identified but if there is something here we should recommend it
- Reading aloud the intent of the aid—continuum of non-secure detention services; CBA shall be used to assist aid recipient in implementation and operation of programs/provision of services (screening, assessment, evaluation, ATD, family support, treatment, truancy, prevention; pilots, transportation, evaluation for EBPs, contracting with agencies with EBPs, aligning with EBPs, other services that will positively impact youth and families, reduction of juvenile pop, assist in transition)

Cindy: working at DCYC on parent orientation and trying to create parent support group; we could use help with those

- With Greg Hepburn, possibly go into schools to speak with youth to prevent kids being detained through education
- While youth are detained, putting into place incentives for them to earn credits and graduate and those we're paying for out of our own pocket
- Doing graduation ceremonies for students who are in DCYC (pizza, cake, cap & gown); trying to engage families and have students engage with MCC
- Ballpark what are we talking for those programs: a few thousand
- Would be great to give parents a bus ticket to come up and visit as well as a return trip ticket
- Doing a survey with parents to find out what they want to learn about

Mary Jo: do we want a focus on prevention? Or treatment? Do we want to strategize along the priority lines?

- We have struggled without a parental support group—within the community, not only would we offer support for services but also one of the options is mental health, do they need a voice as far as DCYC services
- Just helping the parents with info about transition and having representatives come in and make that connection would help to reduce fear

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Janee: there is a Prevention workgroup and they are focused on the threshold before law enforcement contact

Dan: explaining the Knowledge Exchange

- Can we condense what happened that night to summarize for folks here?
- YouTube video available for KE
- Can this group based on what we are already working on—we chose to narrow down to one area
- Any areas where we've already put in that is "shovel-ready"? we don't have time to brainstorm a whole new program

Margaret: How does our community know about some of the things we've learned? The orientation is more than to just DCYC; it is orientation to the system

- Last month we identified some specific strategies: orientation and training
- Discussion last month was targeted towards a group that has an existing service, with some extra training we could enhance that; in terms of training or technical assistance, you're talking about recording the training, maybe making a manual; organically this is where the work groups lend themselves to generating ideas

Dan: I can't enter into any COI with \$

- NFSN has worked with County Defender, CA, Probation to make them aware of their services, doing this all for free
- More that families can learn the more they can pass on
- \$ makes me nervous because of COI issues
- How can we put together an information packet about the court process?
- What would we use \$ for right now and if we don't have needs then we need to move on
- With the priority areas and narrow focus

Cindy: helping families see all of the points (website, brochure) so they can see the services, would be a worthy investment

- Project Harmony has a comprehensive listing of services; were setting it up for behavioral health but is it juvenile justice-oriented?
- Started with the Kim Foundation

Melissa: works with the youth who are referred to the public defender; basically provides guidance for those individuals

Rita: all of this is magnified when we are talking about "my families" which are Spanish speaking

- Whatever we do, we need to consider that this dynamic plays an important role in the way that JJ plays out for families

A'Jamal: really wants to get the input of the families and their input

- Do we want to ask for the money right now?

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Margaret: do we know who's showing up?

- Tiffany Conover would have that information (JDAI); would it be best to have those tickets available through Probation/DCYC? Both
- If parents want to come and visit, could we offer them transportation?

Mary Jo: proposal for an Advisory Board

Margaret: stipends for the families if they participate

Stephen: is there something you could use for the current ongoing program with folks who are at these hearings?

- Conflict of interest? A'Jamal says this doesn't pass the smell test
- We are talking to parents, probation, public defenders, etc.; we don't need any additional funds for the short-term, it would be more beneficial if DCYC has the time and energy to get all these numbers and can do this in the next 9 days

Short-term initiatives: Bus tickets/cab vouchers for parents to go to court, DCYC for visits, events, parent/teacher conferences; would be distributed at DCYC, PD office, JAC, Probation; would we want to do anything with graduation or incentives beyond these? Point persons: Mark, Noelle

Long-term initiatives: family liaison (who is bilingual—this is a major issue), peer navigators, materials (which are accurate and translate and provide a system map with the programs) and orientation items (particularly for court), dealing with hospitalizations, staff need, development of an advisory board (comprised of family members and engaged youth) who can be consulted with respect to the needs of families; project specialist who is doing research on best models or evidence-based practices, NFC needs more bilingual staff; point persons: A'Jamal, Stephen, Tony, Rita

Bad dynamics between Dan and A'Jamal in this meeting; Janee getting involved in terms of explaining how the working groups will be responsible to the SC or the EC

Margaret: let's accomplish 2 things—who are the right people to pull figures for the short-term application (agencies that were listed should take the lead and involve JAC and Probation); is there someone here who is going to take the lead? Cindy/Mark, Melissa & Noelle

- November is going to be here before we know it; let's get some volunteers to produce something (A'Jamal, Stephen)
- For putting the navigation piece together, we need to pull from those that already have something

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Any Follow-Up/Homework Items Produced? Think about the roles of the peer family orientation navigator tool thing—what would that person look like? That proposal goes together in November