

OYS Policy Work Group

Monday July 25, 2016

Welcome and Introductions: (per sign-in sheet) Christine Henningsen, Joy Suder, Juliet Summers, Nathan Busch, Patrick Bloomingdale, Shawne Coonfare, Kerri Peterson, Laura McCormick, Nicole Brundo, Amber Parker

OYS Updates/Good News

Review/approval of June 27 meeting notes - approved

Guest: Nathan Busch (NE Children & Families Foundation)

System of Care – handout

Division of Behavioral Health – drives bus and Foundation offers support

Public private partnership – Connects & coordinates service provision, wrap-around service concept

Approach that has been utilized by various jurisdictions nation-wide

NE Division of Behavioral Health received federal planning grant in 2013 – plan brought forward and an application for federal funding was made for implementation. 3 year grant – 1:3 match, supports one of the core principles of the public/private partnership. 2 timelines set – dependent upon grant award. If awarded it is a 6 month timeline. If not, within 9-12 months.

Grow capacity for communities to wrap services around youth – regardless of involvement in the system

4 priorities – Increase in school attendance and school performance.

Decrease in average age of first system contact.

Decrease in cost per youth receiving services.

Increase in percent of youth and young adults living in home settings.

Areas where SOC has been implemented – fewer youth entering systems because of inability to access care outside of the system.

Use existing Regions as structure to make this possible.

Work is led by 5 working groups (4 were named during meeting)

Systems & Support WG

Social Marketing WG

Finance WG – financial Blueprint

CQI WG – effectiveness of service delivery

QUESTION: To what extent are you overlapping with Community Response, Alternative Response, CBA teams? – SOC is bringing current initiatives together to determine who will participate in the various work groups.

DBH will hire an Administrator 1 position to oversee implementation of SOC. Foundation and DBH will partner in the implementation.

Not a new service – a way of doing the work, communicating across silos, supports in place within communities to support children – remain in home and in community without being brought into the system simply to receive services.

It is the intent to identify gaps and then create community-based services or expand community-based services. The Systems WG will look at gaps in services – for those services which are not in place – where will they come from (don't know).

Who will fund, will funders be approached – (don't know) first identify gaps. Critical Response needs to be put in place in multiple sites. Communication plans need to be put in place. Do not have an answer for who is going to develop and fund new services.

Through implementation localized coordination through the Regions. Statewide umbrella of policy and availability.

QUESTION: Aggressive behavior – will SOC work in partnership with Department of Education? Utilize services available in communities to properly treat behavior. System collaboration & communication.

QUESTION: Providers declining youth because of the “risk” – how do you create a system to allow providers to accept more kids and balance the risk? SOC creates a venue to bring the providers to the table to address the issue. Platform for those discussions. SOC is not going to be a 6 – 12 month fix, as capacity and structure is developed, slow shifts will occur. Come together to address community resources – improvement over time. Impact should be actualized over 3-5 years. Move from shotgun to single bullet approach.

Early detection – address issues within the family through services, sustain over time. Reduced number of children introduced into the system.

Patience and persistence will be the key to actualizing outcomes.

Political Advocates – identification of folks who will support this initiative.

Operation Youth Success – specifically the policy group – support SOC implementation.

Region 6 development – Recommend an OYS representative sit on the WG to ensure there is not duplication of efforts. Regional representatives will sit on statewide groups.

QUESTION: Understanding this is a long term plan – will the state be looking at each region to determine critical needs and identify where pilots could be implemented to address critical needs? Nothing in SOC prevents DBH from allowing regions to do this. Nothing in the model precludes regions from implementing services. DBH is “driving this bus” services have to be worked out.

To learn more about the plans for SOC: The work that happened in the planning grant is within the implementation grant.

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Steering Committee Conversation (July) – Runaway/Override: gap, process, best practice

QUESTION: are the parties interested in convening to have a facilitated discussion related specifically to the runaway/override issue? – Within the process, map what happens, identify opportunities and develop common understanding. Utilize this information to pilot new options.

With all of the discussions, in all of the committees, not seeing progress on this issue.

One fundamental issue may be that there are different philosophies.

Omaha has to decide what we are going to do.

Resources exist to address the issue.

CINS unit has been discussed... funding & who fills the gap

Juvenile Probation, HHS, NFC – critical parties to any proposed resolution

Philosophy – Rules, Regulations & Responsibilities

If law needs to change based upon Philosophy, this is what the work group is for

CJJ – best practices for response to status offenders – potential facilitation resource

<http://www.juvjustice.org/our-work/safety-opportunity-and-success-project/about-sos-project>

Sherwood & OYS will arrange for small group morning meeting to begin this conversation

Public Comment: None

Next meeting: August 22, 2016 @ 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM at UNO CEC Room 127