

OYS Policy Work Group – 1/23/17

Welcome & Introductions -

Announcements – OYS updates/Good News -

- Emily Adams – new OYS Data Analyst
 - Increase capacity for data-driven decision making
 - Support work groups
- State budget shortfall – impacting local CBA budgets – de-obligation of previous FY funds.
 - FY17 application – voted on by Community Team in December, submitted to NCC in January.
 - Talk with NCC – about moving CBA out of OYS, or changing the decision-making body
- Based upon JJI program definitions, the allocations toward direct service are increasing. Has been of high consideration/importance within the review process.



Co-chair Recruitment -

- Recruiting a co-chair – if anyone is interested, message Kerri Peterson

Staff Secure Discussion - tabled

EPIC Program Discussion - tabled

- Informational: EPIC moving to Boys and Girls Club – to be more community-based

Run Away task force Update -

- Meeting 1/24/17
- One meeting occurred 10/2016
- Need accurate, reliable data which will be trusted by the members of the group
 - One of the projects OYS Data Analyst could work on
- One issue with the work is that people do not understand the entire picture
 - Education on the system – understanding of processes
- System Mapping -
 - Joy & Mark L. working on system-mapping
 - Christine, Joy, Shawne, Cara – also mapping
 - Adult felony division – decision mapping
 - Would be a good resource for cross-system training
 - Standard definitions – OYS Data Analyst is working on this
 - Lack of common definition reduces trust

Legislative Update –

- Juliette – Juvenile Justice Legislation handout. Voices for Children
- Vargas – LB 428 – relates to juvenile justice – supporting youth to be in school, rather than pushing out
- Groene – LB 595 – Use of physical force or restraint or removal in response to student behavior
 - School-to-prison pipeline issue – use of the word “unruly” in bill

- Use of such measures traditionally results in disproportionate impact on youth of color
- LB 10 – Increase number of juvenile court judges in Douglas
- LB 8 – Graduated response for VOPs –
 - Clear that detention is not an acceptable response to VOP
 - Provides structure to what Probation is able to do
 - Eliminates provision that mandates Probation notifies CA for every VOP
 - Probation will continue to track this information and be able to provide it to the parties as needed
- LB 11 – Permits immediate appeal of a motion to transfer between juvenile & criminal court
- LB 179 – Extending transition to adulthood to youth aging out of probation (at age of 19) in OHP, where a court hearing has been held and it was determined it is in the best interest of the child to remain out of the home. Allows them to enter into the Bridge to Independence Program until age 21.
- LB 298 – Extends protections/provisions of the NE Strengthening Families Act to youth on probation. Strives to achieve normalcy for youth on probation - foster participation in pro-social activities.
- LB 556 – Creates a new offense category of being “in possession of a firearm” if you are a prohibited juvenile offender. If adjudicated as a juvenile to a specified list of charges, then you are prohibited from possessing a firearm until the age of 25. If found in possession of a firearm, automatically charged as a prohibited individual.
 - Includes possession of a “facsimile” firearm
 - DMC attaches

Question –

- JDAI/OYS Shared Groups
 - List of Co-chairs
 - Shared groups – invited to co-chairs meeting
 - Co-chair meetings are valuable If move forward on a quarterly basis, would replace the JDAI co-chair meeting
 - Improve communication and avoid duplication of efforts

Public Comment

None