



Operation Youth Success

Re-entry Task Force

January 26, 2016

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Westside Community Schools ABC Building

- Welcome and Introductions:
- Announcements-OYS updates:
 - DMC Community Event – Saturday, 10AM – Omaha North Viking Room
 - Community Based Aid FY17 Application submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission
 - State of Nebraska – Budget deficit impacting Community-based Juvenile Services Aid funds
 - Fiscal Years 2013-2015, unspent funds de-obligated
 - FY2016 – fund balance – adjustments to cover funds expended in Q2 which would have been attributed to FY14/15 funds.
- ESSA Handouts – attached to meeting announcement
 - Of note, Superintendents Letter
 - Ralston has a good system for processing the Superintendent letter
 - Adjusting to new process – email going directly to the superintendent may cause a delays – best resolution is to have multiple recipients as Sup. may not always be able to quickly communicate to others due to other obligations
 - Guidance section – provides guidance for implementation
 - Liaison was supposed to be submitted for each district by December 9th.
 - Good connection at the school for youth reenrolling in district
 - Change in homeless youth definitions? – Statutory Definitions handout pg. 2
 - Double-up is not listed – Does it fit under #5? – *Pat will check with State Homeless Coordinator*
 - Section on NE Department of Education Site – Homeless Information
- CSI Shelter – youth who are wards of the state – not enrolled immediately because they may potentially move. Delay may be more than a month. When this occurs, CSI should contact Michelle Borg.
- Pending Legislation this group should be concerned about?
 - School Social Work Association has eye on specific bills - *Steve will update on*
- ESSA Listening Tour – Title 1 Schools, Homeless, Part D Funding
 - Section 6 Title 1, part D – neglected and delinquent children
 - Statute – how district and facility will coordinate seamless transition
 - Draft answer is given – listening tours, people can ask questions and give comments prior to being submitted to the feds for peer review.
 - Pat will keep this group informed on opportunities to participate
- Pat – Update on FCLN Directory – Michelle will have that compiled electronically. Pat will send out when it is posted.

- School Welcome letter, contacts list for Douglas County schools re-entry: when and where the meeting should take place to ensure the possible attendance. (including school social workers and SSLs)
 - o Use FCLN Directory to complete re: Contacts.
 - o Have a meeting at the end of the school year – or when there is planning time for teachers
 - o Superintendents already identified the persons designated for the FCLN
 - o To discuss how OPS is addressing – *Reach out to Tyree*
 - o MOAC meetings (monthly) - Blain McCann – put on agenda – who would be the contact person DCYC/Probation should work with to facilitate school reentry – *Do you want it to be your FCNetwork liaison person (who has already been identified) or do you want to designate another person?*
 - o Include Michele Borg on this – Systems Coordinator – *Co-chairs - Begin this conversation with Michele before taking any other steps.*

- D2 Center: Do we have discussion for student drop outs in each school district and developing a plan and for future funding as a resource of re-entry? *Shannan - Reach out to Crystal –*
 - o Has the drop-out rate changed since the law changed (raise age to 18)? Data Query
 - o NSSRS – Dropout Codes <https://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/>
 - o Graduation rate gaps
 - *Pat will provide some data*
 - o Central place where youth can reenter from placement for those who are not prepared to attend full time at their home school
 - o Practitioner Meeting – Funding for Innovation projects which covers 3 years.
 - Not just a holding tank but also possibly a trade school, GED services,
 - Some youth want to return to a traditional school, some do not
 - o <https://www.education.ne.gov/LEGAL/webrulespdf/RULE17CLN.pdf>
 - o **RULE 17 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS, CLASSES, OR PROGRAMS FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS**
 - o Boys Town Metro Room – Districts pay for seats for a school year
 - Not a permanent solution to education
 - o Proposed model – a place where, when a youth needs a placement (mid-semester) there is a transition option available. And, in the event the youth is not on-track to graduate, or would prefer to attend a trade program – would be available for youth to complete an entire program.

- Work Plan 3, 4 and 5. – Tabled, due to time.

- Public Comment: - None

Next Meeting: February 23rd 2017 @ 3:30 – 5:00 pm @ Westside ABC Building

OYS Mission Statement: Across Douglas County, our vision is a **comprehensive, coordinated, and community-wide** approach to **juvenile services** that **eliminates** the need for youth involvement with our justice system while maintaining **public safety**.

For **all youth** who do enter our justice system, our goals are to provide **effective, compassionate and individualized** support that empowers youth and their **families** to **succeed** and to build an environment of **mutual trust and accountability**.

Re-entry Mission Statement:

The mission of OYS Re-Entry is to increase the number of juveniles successfully reintegrated back into schools and the community through coordinated transition support, thereby increasing overall academic success and ultimately reducing recidivism.