NOTES

Policy Work Group Purpose Statement
The purpose of the OYS Policy Work Group is to codify best practices and change policies that hinder the juvenile justice system, including coordinating policy-related action items that arise in the work groups.

I. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Welcome Karla Dush, OYS Project Coordinator

II. Announcements
   a. Staff Volunteer – PACE Season Finale
   b. CBA – First Level Review – in process
      i. Review
      ii. Google Drive – applications shared with all Steering Committee members
      iii. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee shared with SC – should be sent out with November SC Agenda
      iv. Final determination will be made at November SC meeting, November 16th at 8:30 a.m. in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Civic Center
   c. JJPF Knowledge Exchange, Monday, October 30, 2-4 pm at the Extension Office
   d. Families Work Group “Pack the Closet” Linen Drive through the end of November
      i. Drop off at DCYC, NFSN, CEC or any OYS work group meeting
      ii. Please share with your networks

III. Summary of last meeting’s activities

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IV. Activity


b. Douglas County Diversion Guidelines – no follow up
1. If it is something we know is best practice, would OYS take the issue on legislatively, make resources available
2. Advocacy
3. Group can also pass on knowledge of pending legislation that may impact system reform work
   v. Policy work group will function as a resource to address systemic barriers identified
   vi. Policy WG should be aware of policy areas other work groups are working on; the other work groups should bring them forward to this work group.
   vii. Ensure that the work group has the capacity to understand legislative cycle and has been briefed regarding proposed bills which may impact the JJS
      1. Create an action item with a date - outstanding policies which may lead to an action item
      2. Incumbent upon individuals to understand issues and communicate it to the appropriate party
         a. Strategies
            1. Existing WG Strategy 1
            2. Existing WG Strategy 3
            3. Strategy of codifying national best practices for work in the DC JJS
            4. Policy work group will function as a resource to address systemic barriers identified via work groups of the system reform efforts
            5. Legislative timelines - Ensure that the work group has the capacity to understand legislative cycle and has been briefed regarding proposed bills which may impact the JJS
         b. 2, 4, 5 become action steps along with Runaway Task force, communication loops, reduce OHP, families
         b. Policy Workgroup Structure – send out a survey
            i. Have someone from HHS in the group – cross-cutting issues
            ii. Attendance is important
            iii. Name change proposed - Policy and Advocacy Work Group

V. Decision Making/Next Steps

VI. Response Survey – handed out

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VII. Public Comment
   a. Share information about the Policy Work Group with all of the other work groups
   b. Communication loops – regarding progress of initiatives
   c. Gathering feedback from others – how do we get more people to have interest in the work
      i. Community Engagement Work Group

Next Meeting: Friday, December 2 at 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in CEC 128 (Marian Ivers Board Room)