



**Operation Youth Success
Policy Work Group**

Monday, October 23, 2017

8:30-10:00 AM

UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 127

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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- a. Mental Health Needs – coordinating with recommendations outlined in Children’s Tri-West Report (statewide level SOC initiative – collaboration with Region 6)
- b. Douglas County Diversion Guidelines – no follow up

IV. Activity

a. Update Work Plan

- i. Runaway task force -
 - 1. Intent - prevention, kids already in the system or both?
 - 2. Was brought up at the JDAI meeting re: warrants -
 - 3. Probation has data re: runaways - utilize existing data, not reinvent the wheel
 - 4. Limited amount of time - what is the intent and focus? Is there a common understanding of the issue?
 - a. After identifying an issue and looking at the data. Is there policy that needs to be changed to get to our end goal?
(Relative to all work groups)
 - b. Is there an identified need for policy change - relative to the Runaway task force - not yet.
- ii. For the purpose of the work plan. There is an place each work group will get to where they identify policy change will be necessary - those needs should be brought to the Policy work group.
- iii. Purpose Statement: the purpose of the Policy WG, 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.
- iv. Current strategies should be listed as Action Steps? (1, 3)
- v. Engaging Youth and Families in the JJS Handout - Example
 - 1. Visitation - Family engagement - Summarizing the Conversation
- vi. Develop process for work groups to understand the policy group exists & process for moving issues forward
 - i. Policy WG role isn't to get into weeds uncovering own issues
 - ii. Is to move forward the issues of the work groups
 - iii. Proactive monitoring of issues that work groups could/should be dealing with
 - iv. When people ID issues and barriers, the policy work group would be available to move policy issues at legislative level (or others)

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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)

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