



**Operation Youth Success
Policy Work Group**

Friday, December 1, 2017

8:30-10:00 AM

UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 128

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

II. Announcements

- a. Christmas in the Village 12-5pm, tomorrow, December 2, 2017
- b. Offer made to Data Analyst and is pending acceptance
- c. Pack the Closet ended November 30th. It appears to have been successful.
- d. Community Based Aid-
 - i. Update was provided to group
 - ii. Advisory Council (Appointed by County Commissioners to make recommendation to OYS Steering Committee) recommended a cut to County Services (H.O.M.E., JAC, and DCAO Alternatives Coordinator) of approximately 50% of requests. Submitted letter to the County Board stressing importance of these services and recommending the County Board approve DC general fund allocations to cover balance. A request was made that this letter be shared with the WG.
- e. DMC Coordinator and Compliance Monitor position posted on the Douglas County Human Resources website: <https://hr.douglascounty-ne.gov/employment>. Position will close Dec. 10th. There are approximately 90 applicants thus far.
- f. NFC is changing their name to PromiseShip, effective January 15th

III. Work Group Discussion:

City of Omaha, City Council Meeting 11/21/17, Agenda Item #40

<https://cityclerk.cityofomaha.org/images/agenda/2017-11-21a3.pdf>

Omaha City Council Resolution:

https://cityclerk.cityofomaha.org/images/agenda/ID_17_11_21/1297.pdf

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* [LB 894](#), which passed not this last legislative session, but in 2016. It amended 43-247, 43-248 and 43-250 in regards to juvenile court jurisdiction and the custody provision in the Juvenile Code.

*Christine and Juliet S are meeting with a couple of Senators and OPD to discuss and clarify the process when Law Enforcement is contacted and what to do with child. Especially if they are taken into custody.

*When issues like this arise, is there something the Policy group can do to bullet information, vet it through the group and then get it out in 2 days to share via Facebook, etc.

*What about identifying a person to go and support the bill on behalf of this group?

*Christine will provide the bulleted information. Include:

- What the issue is
- What it means
- Discussion points for consideration

*Should we have a page on our website—Policy Page to show what we support according to Theory of Change/Guiding Principles? Kerri will look into semantics of doing such. For example, would the page be Policy Group or OYS.

*What's missing is an advocate for pre-adjudicated youth who have mental health issues.

*Youth with IEPs- what can Prevention and Schools WG's do, to support schools in this area. May want to also look at youth at DCYC who are pre-adjudicated with an IEP.

*We can't lose sight of Systems of Care

IV. Activity

- a. Policy Workgroup Structure-Results of Doodle Survey (frequency, day/time of meetings)
 - i. Results from survey reflected that group meetings will remain every other month, as well as the 4th Monday of the month from 830am-10am.
- b. Policy work group name change: Policy and Advocacy Work Group - Vote
- c. Suggestion to include names of those present/absent from each meeting to meeting minutes-Vote
 - i. Shawne motioned to include a., b., and c. in one motion. A'Jamal seconded; a., b., and c. all passed.
- d. Review Work Plan
 - i. Suggested moving last strategy to an action step
 - ii. Incorporating items mentioned under the discussion area within the workplan

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- V. Decision Making/Next Steps
 - a. Christine will provide some bulleted information on LB 894
 - b. Kerri will provide direction on the OYS website page as to how it would be listed Policy/OYS
 - c. Need to identify a representative from OPS to attend these meetings
 - d. Continue review of work plan draft for finalization

- VI. Feedback Survey – handed out

- VII. Public Comment

Next Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2017, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am

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