



Operation Youth Success

Runaway Taskforce

Thursday, December 7, 2017

8:30am – 10:00am

UNO, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Room 118

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Present: Colleen Roth, Nichol Seymour, Jennifer Potterf, Tracy Sherer, Jim Hubbard, Christine Henningsen, Kyle Kinney, Shawne Coonfare, Mary Fraser Meints, Nicole Brundo, Kerri Petersen, Monica Miles-Steffens (by phone), Janee Pannkuk, Amber Parker, Karla Dush, Debora Faga
- Review
 - Summary of prior meeting's activities
 - Reviewed Purpose, Common Agenda, and 4 Guiding Principles
 - Group was created out of the OYS Policy WG
 - Came from the fact that we need to identify a better way to handle runaways away from detention
 - Identifying which runaway group(s) we are talking about - definitions
 - Reboot and recommit – who do we need at the table that isn't here
 - Schools, social work, behavioral health, Connections
 - Core group identifies items, then invites others
- Activity:
 - What is the Purpose/Mission of this Task Force
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Prevention
 - What areas do we want to focus on
 - Who and what resources are needed for each area of focus
 - How do we move forward with the resources available
 - Can we tap into learning centers
 - Idea of Schools as a Sanctuary
 - What did the data map show – handed out Status Data Landscape graph
 - Reviewed definitions and numbers
 - Access to information from all entities
 - Connect to the OYS Families WG, Missing from Care and Trafficking groups so we don't duplicate efforts
 - Ability to get entire system overview
 - Would like a coordinator/navigator position that could see all of the information
 - The systems do not talk to each other

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- Major system change would be necessary to make this happen
 - Funding
 - MOU's
 - Senator Krist's proposed bill
- Crisis response for returned runners
- Alternative suspension program
 - Out of school suspensions are affecting youth
- Decision Making/Next Steps
 - OYS staff research who is doing what - gather information re: other work being done
 - To help identify focus areas
 - Mary will provide information on Missing Person Taskforce
 - Try to get relevant data for the big picture
 - Ideas on how to keep parents engaged/involved
 - Share existing summary information with our group
 - Make formal request for data on runaway foster care/probation
- Feedback Survey – handed out
- Public Comment

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month; January 11th at 8:30 am

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