



**Operation Youth Success
Policy and Advocacy Work Group Notes**

Monday, March 26, 2018

8:30-10:00 AM

UNO, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Room 128

Policy and Advocacy Work Group Purpose Statement

The purpose of the OYS Policy and Advocacy 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. Present: Christine Henningsen, Juliet Summers, Joy Suder, Patrick Bloomingdale, A'Jamal Byndon, Margaret Vacek, Mary Vicek, Kevin Lytle, Kerri Petersen, Jennifer Potterf, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush, Amber Parker, Debora Faga
- II. Announcements
 - a. OYS Updates
 - i. NJJA Conference in Kearney, NE, May 2-4
 - ii. Collective Impact Convening, Austin, TX, April 3-5
 - b. Member Updates
 - i. Juliet did an awesome job Thursday night at the League of Women Voters
 - ii. The Sherwood Foundation has moved to 808 ConAgra Drive, The Chamber Building
- III. Summary of last meeting's activities
 - a. Follow up:
 - i. Christine will provide bulleted information on LB894 to share with other working groups (What the issue is, what it means, discussion points for consideration, etc.)
 1. Will delve into this during the Bills update
 - ii. Kerri was looking into semantics of having a Policy Page on OYS website or one under Policy Group. This page would reflect what we support as a Working Group according to Theory of Change/Guiding Principles
 - iii. Shawne will reach out to an OPS representative
 1. All middle schools and high schools in OPS have armed SROs, 1 in Millard, 1 in Elkhorn, Douglas County officers at some of the others
 2. Multiple trainings have been occurring for SROs over the last year, NASRO, not just Douglas County
 3. OPD is doing "Policing the Teen Brain" for patrol

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4. "Educating the Teen Brain" session for middle school and high school administrators in OPS
 5. Juvenile Justice Jeopardy that can be played in the schools where kids can learn how to interact with law enforcement and it will be demoed at NJJA Conference twice
 6. Deputy Chief Gonzalez has made another request for additional office training that would include the superintendents of five school districts
 7. The Chief did present at Omaha 360's Youth Violence Summit
 8. Strategies for Youth teaches the role of the SRO being more understanding what the youth is going through and takes adolescent development into account during their trainings for the SROs
 9. Arrests at this time are going down
 10. SRO discussion: Shawne has reached out to Ann McFarland and Lisa Utterback
 11. SRO discussion: Mary Vicek has been impressed with the way the conversations have changed with OPD when making arrests
- iv. How can we help Brad advocate for the kids
 - v. Greg Hepburn, DCYC, will be co-chair of Case Processing
 - vi. Caseloads for Douglas County, compared to other counties, suggest that we still need a 7th judge
 - vii. Probation numbers are up
 - viii. Follow up with Ray Curtis to get scheduling numbers this year compared to last year and the number with multiple filings

IV. Activity

- a. Review Work Plan to include Identifying Target Dates, Responsible Parties, Resources Needed, EBPs, etc.
 - i. Broke out into 4 groups to discuss the various strategies
 1. Strategy 1: Serve as a resource to address systemic barriers identified by the various working groups of system reform efforts
 2. Strategy 2: Maintain, understand, communicate and educate the current knowledge of legislative policy regarding youth and families, including system of care updates
 3. Strategy 3: Codify National best practices for youth and families involved or at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system, which eliminate systemic barriers.
 4. Strategy 4: Create opportunities for organizations, institutions and community members to effectively engage and communicate in ways that demonstrate a shared accountability for results and build community engagement.

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- ii. Co-chairs will update the information from the breakout groups and send out to the group prior to next meeting for feedback.
 - b. Update on Runaway Taskforce
 - i. Tabled to next meeting
 - c. Update on voted out bills-Christine
 - i. Refer to hand out (included)
 - ii. LB 158 – not going anywhere this year
 - iii. LB 670 – Juvenile court package; reduce the number of members of NCJJ and change their duties
 - iv. Amendment 2093 – refer to page 2 of the hand out
 - v. LB 990 – advanced to Select File – no exception for youth who have their record sealed, Class 4 felony for first offense, Class 3A second offense
 - vi. LB 998 – Creates a fund for private donations and once the fund reaches a certain amount the fund can be tapped to place social workers in schools; there is an evaluation involved to demonstrate the needs/success
 - vii. LB 1078 – Sibling placement and foster care requirements – requires sexual abuse reporting
 - viii. LB 869 – Change provisions relating to sealing of records; provision for 5 years after initial sealing it would go through extended sealing
 - 1. LB 869 added to LB 670?
 - 2. Would this group submit a letter in support of adding the two together?
 - ix. LB 1112 – Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles and additional use of funds under Community-based Juvenile Services Aid
 - d. Discussion: Brown Bagger idea
 - i. Provider Brown Bagger – Jaci Dai’Klabunde from Nebraska Legal Aid could talk about the sealing of juvenile records
 - ii. Add on to the existing Youth Impact brown baggers
 - iii. Allow people from around the state to be able to view through a conference connection
 - iv. Schedule for June
 - v. Use JJPF as a forum
- V. Decision Making/Next Steps
 - a. Juliet will follow up to see where LB 670, 869 and 350 are at
 - b. Co-chairs will update workplan with information from breakouts and send to members for review and feedback prior to next meeting.
 - c. Christine to provide an update with LB 990-Senator Wayne’s bill
 - d. Joy will follow up with Ray about the multiple filings, PD’s breakdown of cases/scheduling numbers, and whether or not filings have gone up.
 - e. Shawne and Karla follow up with OPS representative

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- VI. Feedback Survey – Handed out
- VII. Public Comment

Next Meeting: Monday, May 21, 2018, from 8:30am -10am, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Marion Ivers Board Room, Room 128

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