



Operation Youth Success Families Work Group Notes

March 19, 2019

9:00-11:00 AM

Heartland Workforce Solutions

Purpose Statement: Empower families to better understand the system and engage in their youth's care.

Families Working Group Charter

- Empowering families to better understand the system
- Engage youth and families
- Seek help when needed

- Introductions
 - Present: Margaret Vacek, Eve Bleyhl, Lakeisha Phelps, Dwite Pedersen, Christie Al-Nemah, Amos Shepherd, Shelby Andersen-Holt, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush, Debora Faga

- OYS Updates
 - Runaway Task Force's NRS Training was February 28th, 21 different agencies, 32 people attended

- Member Updates
 - WebEx (Margaret)
 - CHI Education Support Group (open to the community) meets once a month, second Thursday from 6 to 7:30, has been going on for a year; started out a little "soft," and is now going really well; struggle right now is the child care aspect
 - CHI's "Ethics on the Big Screen" tonight at Bergan from 5:30 to 9p; they are held 4 times a year
 - BPOA and NLPOA will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt

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- NFSN has seven people who will be participating in Parent Leadership Training in cooperation with Systems of Care; how can OYS Families Work Group partner with this?
- Lakeisha-Juvenile Justice Youth Council (JJC) update
 - Attended the Black and Brown Legislative Day
 - The groups went and watched the screening of the film “Erased”
 - Met last night in a workshop with a social collective impact group made up of people from Finland, Denmark, Spain, Scotland and China to discuss health issues in relation to Douglas County
 - Some of the group members are going to do Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) training to become facilitators
- Family Council
 - Start it out the same way as JJC – send out an interest survey and hold an introductory meeting
 - Work with someone from NFSN to start
- Activity
 - Video Vignette-mini grant update
 - Mele Mason - Mason Video – presentation postponed
 - Funding obtained, needs to be expended by June 30, so we want to get moving on this
 - Touchpoints: Probation, Courtroom (JAC, Public Defender, Judges, County Attorney)
 - Giving a snapshot of the process
 - Played on a loop at various points possibly at the JAC, Probation, courts, etc.
 - Want this group to be an integral part of this
- Work Plan
 - Tweak it based on the feedback from the TerraLuna evaluation
 - Keep the JJC at the forefront
 - Keeping the Family Council going and getting the video vignettes completed
 - Will make these changes and send out to the group

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- Survey Updates
 - Continue to hand out and bring completed surveys

- Decision Making/Next Steps
 - Set up a separate meeting with Mele on the video vignettes
 - Work plan updates
 - Planning meeting for flyer and first steps for Family Council; recruit NFSN to contribute
 - Continue to hand out the surveys

- Feedback Surveys – Handed out

Next Meeting: April 16, 2019, 9am-11am, at Heartland Workforce Solutions

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