



Operation Youth Success  
Policy and Advocacy Work Group  
Monday, May 20, 2019  
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: Brad Alexander, A'Jamal-Rashad Byndon, Christine Henningsen, Jennifer Potterf, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. OYS Updates
    - i. Prevention Group held two community forums in 68111. One at the Boys and Girls Club and one at the Urban League. Focus was on Community resources that physically exist in the area, what was needed, what are the barriers to obtaining them. Follow up meetings will occur once feedback has been reviewed.
  - b. Member Updates
    - i. A'Jamal shared he will be hosting small group discussion in north Omaha. There will be evaluations at the end of the meetings and will need to discuss what to do with that information.
  
- III. Activity
  - a. DCYC Sibling Visitation Policy update
    - i. Brad stated that this Policy will go into effect this week for those youth who are on Level 4. Additionally with LB1112, restrictive housing will now have visitation and youth under the age of 12 cannot be held at DCYC. Due to all of the above, the changes in policy were made at one time.

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- b. Legislative Bill update
  - i. Christine shared that LB390 duties regarding SROs and Security Officers passed, along with LB595 the restorative justice bill.
  - ii. LB147 regarding a teacher's ability to restrain a youth is still in limbo
  - iii. All bills that were not heard will carry over on the floor
  - iv. Resolutions: Possible bill about how to measure recidivism. Christine will do a scan of these and send them out.
    - 1. Are there resolutions/new ideas/proposals to be introduced to legislation? This is the time to do it.
    - 2. JP shared that YRTC sent out an RFP for bid for a new fence
    - 3. How can this group advocate for/against bills? Need to determine process.
- c. Juvenile Justice Council update- tabled to next meeting
- d. Workplan-Terra Luna's report from participatory evaluation-review and bring feedback to next meeting

#### IV. Feedback Survey

**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 22, 8:30am -10am, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Marion Ivers Board Room, Room 128

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