Prevention Work Group Purpose Statement
Reduce system entry and recidivism by strengthening community support and increasing access to preventative services.

I. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Present: Ronda Newman, Kyle Kinney, Terra Goodwin, Andrea Wright, Fred Ross, Debora Faga

II. Announcements
   a. OYS Updates
      i. Catherine Rivier’s last day with OYS was Friday, November 18
      ii. Reimagining Juvenile Justice: Positive Youth Development third and final training session is this Thursday and Friday
      iii. December 5, 8:00 am – 10:30 am, Community-Based Aid Steering Committee Meeting in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room at the Civic Center
      iv. Juvenile Justice Center lawsuit went to court on Friday, the 15th; have no further information on that
   b. Member Updates
      i. Andrea attended a Douglas County Community Response meeting today; they are looking at developing some parent groups in 68111 and in South Omaha. We could possibly look at partnering with them.
      ii. The JAC is in the process of hiring another specialist
      iii. Project Everlast is still serving young people 14-26 and are looking at developing a stronger presence in Iowa

III. Activity
   a. Conversations on Restorative Practices group and how we can partner
      i. Restorative practices involve mediation, education, victim empathy; Heartland has been working in this area for a while

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Everyone is invited to attend meetings

Have had two viewings of the documentary “Healing Justice” (so far for system players and providers) and will be planning two more (for schools and community) in the future, with the end result being bringing all the groups together for more discussion

There are a lot of ways we could intersect with this group

b. Debrief Boys & Girls Club 2nd Community Forum
   i. Mental health was named as a major issue; services for people who are not system-involved, just being able to have someone to talk to

c. Debrief Urban League - 2nd Community Forum on November 6th
   i. Transportation was one of the big items brought up as an issue
      1. We could create a list of the companies/organizations that provide assistance in transportation (via Uber, etc.)
   ii. It was a small group but there was good discussion

d. Adjustments to work plan
   i. What can we do in the community show our support and to drive forward
   ii. Discuss at our next meeting

Next Steps

a. Everyone please read through the notes Andrea prepared from the comments at the forums; they were sent out to everyone by email

b. We could look at picking up coats from the lost and founds at OPS elementary schools (they usually have a deadline for picking up items before they get rid of them) and taking them to different agencies

c. Have the next meeting focus on the work plan; brainstorming on actions to re-energize

Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 3 – 5 pm at Omaha Home for Boys, Wurdeman Learning Center

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