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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, Ryan Spohn, Shawne Coonfare, A’Jamal Byndon, Catherine Hall, Janee Pannkuk, Karla Dush

II. Announcements
   a. OYS Updates
      i. Karla Dush and Mark LeFlore are hosting the Reimagining Juvenile Justice train-the-trainer training; there are 3 different sessions held in September, October and November
      ii. The last in the 4 series RED Forums is on October 16th at the Goodwill Building on 72nd St.
      iii. OYS Steering Committee meeting is October 17th, 8:30am to 11am, in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, 3rd floor, Civic Center
      iv. Deputy County Administrator for Juvenile Justice position is open now; closes October 20
      v. The last Steering Committee meeting of 2019 will be November 5th, 8am-10:30am, Jesse Lowe Conference Room and will cover CBA
      vi. The first Steering Committee meeting of 2020 will be in February
   b. Member Updates
      i. The JAC has had the opportunity to receive training developed from the lived experience project funded by Sherwood Foundation through TerraLuna, which was a fantastic training
      ii. October 17th, 1 pm, at the MCC Campus-Industrial Training Center, Room 120, 2909 Babe Gomez Ave., the Judiciary Committee is having a hearing that may be good for members to attend
      iii. October 27th, there is an LR on the sex offender registry laws
iv. There are LR's on YRTC on October 2nd in Geneva and October 3rd in Kearney
v. There was a community forum on the school to prison pipeline that was held at the First Methodist Church on Cass St.

III. Activity
   a. Lobbying vs. Advocacy - Christine
      i. If you are speaking on your own behalf, as an individual, you are an advocate
      ii. If you are speaking on behalf of, representing, your organization, you are a lobbyist
   b. Interim Study updates - Christine
      i. The intent of the study was juvenile justice issues (very broad)
      ii. YRTC Geneva, metrics and outcomes, are interventions working, are we spending our money in the right places, protection of kids rights
   c. DCYC Sibling Visitation Policy update - Brad (not present)
      i. What data is being captured?
         1. We need to see what the data is that is being collected so that we can do a report-out
   d. Process for this group during legislative time (follow up from last meeting)
      i. What is the process for OYS speaking on legislative issues; executive team stated that this group can develop a draft policy and then that can go to the steering committee for revision/approval
      ii. If anyone has any feedback on what this process should look like, please let Karla know
   e. Workplan review for 2020
      i. We need to be able to look at the data on some of the action steps, so that we can decide next steps
      ii. Make a proposal to the Steering Committee as to the direction/next steps we want this group to take

Next Meeting: Monday, November 25th, 8:30am -10am, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Marion Ivers Board Room, Room 128

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