Welcome and Introductions – Vice Chair Jay Dixon called the meeting to order and introductions were made. This is the first official organizational meeting of the Youth Development Council, but the second time the council has met in a group setting. The council met for the first time on September 27, 2012, for federal training to fulfill requirements as the State Advisory Group (SAG). The Governor had appointment authority for the YDC, and the membership of the Council satisfies all requirements of a SAG in Oregon. After today’s morning meeting is adjourned, the YDC will resume meeting as a body in an organizational retreat at the Somerville Building, with a visit from Governor Kitzhaber, who is expected to deliver his expectations of the newly created Council.

Youth Development Council (YDC) Update by Iris Bell, YDC Executive Director – History of the creation of youth development council: SB 909 in 2011 originally created an Early Learning Council. Although the bill contained language about the population of children 0-6, nothing was specifically provided for children over the school age population. Through the Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF), a work group was developed and its recommendations were forwarded to the Oregon Education Investment Board and the Governor’s Office to create a Youth Development Council in order to maintain continuity of services for youth, including those served by the Juvenile Crime Prevention programs, keep a focus on the Crossover youth and reach out to youth over the age of six that are in the foster care system. With the passage of HB 4165, the legislation created the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB), the Early Learning Council (ELC) and the Youth Development Council (YDC).

The first meeting of the YDC was a federal training held in September because this date had already been set by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The first official meeting of the YDC will be on November 30, 2012. The morning session will include presentations by juvenile service providers and also entertain some public testimony. The afternoon session will be a members’ only work session where discussion about the role of the council will take place. The YDC will work to align its efforts with the Governor’s vision of the P-20 Education Initiative. This initiative changes the way the government does business in the education arena.

There were questions and discussion regarding the membership of the YDC. Legislation states the YDC shall consist of no fewer than 15 members who are appointed by the Governor and the members shall fulfill the federal requirements of the SAG. At the September meeting, the YDC members were trained to take on the responsibilities of the SAG. A question was asked regarding tribal representation on the YDC as it is a specific
requirement of the HB 4165. The tribal chairs have been asked to make a recommendation of a tribal representative and the Commission on Indian Services has also been asked for their consideration. We are currently waiting to hear back from them. Iris Bell, YDC Director, stated the development of the full YDC has not been completed as of today; there are still five slots left, including a tribal representative.

It is anticipated that the full YDC will meet four times a year. There are a series of sub committees being formed that include council members, community members, and volunteers; that is where the bulk of the work will take place. There will be a sub committee on Juvenile Justice and invitations will go out to gather partners with particular, specific expertise. Each of those work groups will be addressing various components of work of the larger council.

As stated on pages 66 and 67 of HB 4165, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (JCPAC) was slated to be abolished in June 2012. But the Juvenile Director’s Association met with the Governor’s Office and asked for an extension of time to assure the transition and transfer of duties would not impact the services to youth and families; JCPAC has been extended to June of 2013.

The Early Learning Council (ELC) is in the process of establishing regional hubs. There will also be a process to disseminate the funds that in the past went to local commissions. What that process has not been determined, but could possibly include an RFP or Request For Qualifications (RFQ).

**Invited Testimony** – Beth Unverzagt, Director, Oregon Afterschool for Kids (OregonASK); Celeste Janssen, Executive Director, Oregon Mentors; Ken Thrasher, Chair, Oregon Mentors; Doug Riggs, County Coalition

**Public Testimony** – Bill Thomas, Washington County Commission on Children and Families; Lynne Shroeder, Washington County Juvenile Director; Debra Patterson, President, OJJDA (Oregon Juvenile Justice Directors Association); Ellen Crawford, written submission; Doug Barnett, Allison Kelley, Marion County Community Services Director; Jeff Milligan, Central Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium (COJJC) Kevin Hohnbaum

**JCPAC’s Role in the Transition to the YDC** – The JCPAC will be asked to examine the work that has been done over the past years and provide recommendations for transition of the JCPAC’s role and JCP programs to the YDC.

Using the JCP data collected and research that has been conducted to identify best practices and evidence based practices, JCPAC will identify the JCP programs that align with the Governor’s plan for academic success, while continuing to reduce juvenile crime. There was a brief discussion regarding the Governor’s interest in gang reduction. JCPAC has been the body responsible for funding statewide juvenile crime prevention programs. The Committee’s recommendations of what should be continued, realigned or not funded again based on measurable outcomes will be presented to the YDC sometime in the Spring (early March).

It will be important for the YDC and OEIB to understand that JCP programs are aligned and getting results that further the P-20 initiative. This will assist the YDC in their discussion about RFPs, funding allocation, etc. in the coming biennium. Concern was expressed about what happens to the JCP Planning in July, 2013. If there is no JCPAC in the next biennium, how will an allocation process be determined? Laying out a transition framework was proposed as an agenda topic for the next JCPAC meeting.

**JCP 2012 Technical Assistance Plan** – Joe Christy talked about the training and technical assistance plan and how it takes into consideration the JCP evaluation and also looked at the legislation that moves the role and responsibility of Juvenile Crime Prevention to the Youth Development Council. There are some steps providing a blueprint for the JCPAC and the YDC to correct short term gaps revealed by the evaluation and prepare counties and tribes for transition to the vision expressed in HB 4165. Short term and long term training and technical assistance activities have also been outlined in the plan. NPC Research has continued to provide technical assistance.
Curry County JCP Plan Update – Anya reported the Curry County Board of County Commissioners Commission appointed the Juvenile Department as the lead agency for the local Juvenile Crime Prevention program. The Juvenile Department submitted a plan, (a copy was provided in member’s packets) which is basically a continuation of what the JD was doing in the previous biennium. The transition from the local CCF was necessary to ensure that the JCP funds allocated to the county should be expended in accordance with the JCP plan and without interruption of services for youth.

[for context this excerpt from 5/24 meeting minutes is being included:
The JCP Plan application amendment had not been approved by the Curry County Board of Commissioners, which is the first requirement prior to JCPAC acceptance or approval. OCCF data reflects that there have not been any JCP services provided or JCP funds used for the past year. OCCF is in the process of conducting conversations with the Curry County Board of Commissioners to resolve the issues]

Following conversations between OCCF (now YDC) and the Curry County Board of Commissioners, it was recommended the Curry County JD implement the services outlined in the plan and request funds due them. Anya asked the JCPAC to approve the Curry County JD’s plan and also approve release of the funds. It was moved and seconded to accept Curry County Juvenile Department Plan and allow them to use the JCP funds. Motion passed unanimously.

JCP Tribal Coordinators Meeting Update – Dave Fullerton commented that with the passing of HB4165, the Tribal prevention coordinators have been optimistic about their relationship with the Youth Development Council to move forward. It has been observed, however, that whenever there is some traction and momentum to get the tribes to the table, the people who started that process are gone. It has been a bit of a rollercoaster relationship, but there is optimism that this will improve.

Anya reported there is some good news; the tribal programs are operating really well. HB4165 also requires YDC to recognize tribal best practices as eligible for funding. Juvenile Department Directors have been invited and have attended the last few JCP Tribal Coordinators Meetings. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation signed a memorandum of understanding with Central and Eastern Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium (CEOJJC) to jointly provide service to youth funded with a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant award.

Governor’s Summit on Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice System Update – A quick update was provided reminding members the date of the summit is November 1 and 2, 2012 and it will be held at Spirit Mountain Conference Center in Grand Ronde; this is the last call for registration if you have not registered yet. Anya thanked those who participated in the planning efforts and expressed her gratitude to everyone that will be working at the summit.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting: December 13, 2012