Welcome and introductions

Jay Dixon, Youth Development Council Co-Chair
Co-Chair Jay Dixon called the meeting to order and ceremonially handed the gavel over to newly appointed Chair Celeste Janssen. Karen Wilkes conducted the roll call of the Council.

Approval of September 17, 2015, Youth Development Council Quarterly Meeting Summary
Chair Celeste Janssen called for a motion and a second; the motion was unanimously approved, with the following Council members abstaining from voting: Faye Fagel, Martha Doyle, David Fullerton, and Jaime Arredondo. The new Council members are Chair Celeste Janssen, Elana Pirtle-Guiney, Eric Cardella, Catherine (Meg) Pittman, Condry (CJ) Robbins III and Elizabeth (Liz) Thorne.

Governor’s Office Report
Lindsey Capps, Governor’s Education Policy Advisor and Interim Chief Education Officer
Lindsay Capps attended a reception to formally welcome the Governor-appointed members to the Council just prior to the meeting. Chair Janssen said that Lindsey expressed to her that was very interested in attending the March 17, 2016, quarterly council meeting to give an overview of the Education Cabinet’s work, including the YDC’s important role.
**Director’s Report:**
*Iris Bell, Executive Director*

**Comprehensive Strategic Planning for Youth Policy**
Director Iris Bell discussed the hiring of a consultant to work with the individual subcommittees. The contractor will help the subcommittees establish what resources are needed to identify to ensure the success of the strategic plan going into the 2017-2019 session. Going into the upcoming session, the Council will have a comprehensive strategic plan with priorities and recommendations in it that strengthen the goal of reengagement of youth. This work will also help determine what is needed for the YDC to fully fund the work that needs to happen with the *Youth & Community, Youth & Innovation* and *Youth & Gangs* community investment funding streams in the 2017-2019 biennium.

**STEM Council Presentation**
During Director Bell’s presentation to the STEM Council, she noted how many investments the YDC has in STEM programs across the state. She stressed to the STEM Council the importance of ensuring the inclusion of Opportunity Youth (ages 16-24 either under-attached or completely disengaged from education and work systems) and Priority Youth (ages 6-15, at risk of disengaging from school and future workforce opportunities) as they make their investments in programs and services across Oregon.

**Public Testimony**
No public testimony was given.

**Youth Development Council Committee Updates**

**Juvenile Justice Update** – Juvenile Crime Prevention Direction for Future Planning
*Committee Lead John Teague*

The Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) program provides funds to Oregon counties and the nine federally-recognized tribes to pay for services supporting youth and their families, with the goal of preventing young people from engaging in criminal behavior. JCP monies fund services and programs identified by each community to meet its specific needs. Each one of these counties and tribes is requested to submit its plan to the juvenile justice committee. The Juvenile Justice committee would like to direct the counties and tribes to tighten up their Juvenile Crime Prevention plans around the following points:

1. Currently counties and tribes are mostly serving low and medium risk youth; they should serve high and medium risk youth, with priority given to high risk.
2. The Juvenile Crime Prevention Assessment Tool will be used; in addition a Positive Youth Development framework should be utilized.
3. Promote and measure two positive outcomes in keeping with the Juvenile Justice Committee’s direction to increase educational attendance and workforce development.
4. Counties must have their plans approved by each Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.
5. The youth being served are defined as the ages of 10-17.

Council member Dr. Mary Arnold agreed to work on a framework for Juvenile Crime Prevention planning that would be founded on Positive Youth Development principles.

**Educational Supports and Developmental Assets Committee - Forum for Youth Investment CEO Karen Pittman visit to Oregon**
*Committee member Jaime Arredondo*
Karen Pittman came to Oregon in October and spoke at a series of events over a two day period that focused on the field of youth development. Karen is a leading authority on youth development. She has brought forward the approach to serve children and youth a whole, instead of looking at them as a funding stream or risk factor. Jaime said Karen’s approach is that youth should be served in a holistic, positive way in our communities instead of being seen as a problem. Karen talked about how a lot of work that goes toward youth development workforce skills or their college-career readiness skills, even when transitioning from middle school to high school. She says youth are not ready and are not able to articulate what readiness looks like. Karen said it is time to make what is invisible visible, by thinking in terms of measuring readiness.

Youth Workforce Update – Oregon Workforce Investment Board Alignment

Committee member Brenda Frank

At the Oregon Workforce Investment Board’s (OWIB) meeting in Salem on November 13, 2015, our Youth Workforce Committee and Deputy Director Brenda Brooks provided a written update on the work the Council is doing to connect Opportunity Youth to education and career. The YDC’s Youth Workforce Committee has aligned much of its work with the Oregon Workforce Investment Board’s Youth Committee. The Committee now asks for regular updates, and division staff meet regularly with OWIB staff to discuss areas of alignment.

At the OWIB meeting, program leaders from two current and one former YDC Community Investments testified about the importance of the Summer Work Programs at Worksystems Inc. in Portland; the Salem, Marion & Polk County Boys & Girls Clubs’ Great by 8th Grade and Training Teens for Tomorrow (T3) programs; and the Malheur County Cradle to Career Technical Institute.

YDC Community Investment Update: Site Visits

Anya Sekino and Abraham Magaña, Grant Managers

Anya Sekino and Abraham Magaña updated members on the site visits they have completed to date across Oregon to the newly funded and repeat programs that have been funded. They said they highly valued the opportunities to see how the programs are working and the youth they are serving with YDC resources. Members of the Council were encouraged to attend future scheduled visits with staff.

A main challenge several YDC-funded programs brought up was the lack of information-sharing among some local school districts.

Gang Prevention/Intervention Grant Recipient Technical Assistance Meeting

Ted Martinez, Council member, and Abraham Magaña, Prevention/Intervention Specialist

The recipients of the Youth & Gangs Grant had a technical assistance meeting to share information and best practices around serving gang-impacted youth.

Poverty Workgroup – Janet Arenz, Council member and Director, Oregon Alliance of Children’s Programs

Representative Gene Whisnant worked on legislation to see if the Department of Education would look at how they put forth allocations for the prevalence of poverty in school districts. The group was met with some opposition by lobbyists and members of the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA). It was made very clear that the funds the district receives through a formula do not come with an appropriation. Janet explained that even if there is a change in the weighted measurement, the funds are not always designated for that use. The school districts do not have to use the funds for the programs they being are funded for, nor do they have to produce outcomes for programs the students received funding for. The poverty group came up with a list of legislative recommendations on how to address and balance out the approach.
National Education of Homeless Children & Youth Conference – Janet Arenz, Council Member
The conference was held in Phoenix Arizona. Janet said attendees were provided a wealth of information on different models and ideas on how to achieve success for communities across the state and across the nation.

Juvenile Justice Mental Health Task Force – Anya Sekino, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Manager
A year ago the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges held a conference in Seattle, Washington. One of the topics was on Mental Health in the Juvenile Justice system. At the conference it was learned that the State of Washington had impressive practices in place for dealing with mental health in their juvenile justice system. The group from Oregon who attended the conference came back and wanted to establish Washington’s practices here in Oregon.

The Chief Justice of Oregon formed a task force and then formed a group to look at the issues in Oregon regarding mental health in the Juvenile Justice System. The group was charged to bring back a report the legislature in January of 2016. In the report, they were asked to list the issues with the mental health issues and recommendations. The task force’s last meeting will be on January 22, 2016; at that time the report will be available and will be sent out to the YDC.

Tribal Education Cluster Update – Brenda Brooks, Deputy Director
The annual Tribal Report to the Legislative Committee on Indian Services describing the use of YDC funds statewide that goes to tribes was sent in December.

At the Education Cluster meeting at Grand Ronde, Oregon Department of Education Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction Salam Noor asked the tribes to do what they could to make sure tribal youth graduate high school and go on to become teachers, in the hope that one day soon tribal children will be taught by tribal adults. Warm Springs Education Director Deanie Smith said that while she understands what he is trying to accomplish, her tribe finds it difficult to get youth to graduate high school, let alone go on to college to become teachers. Deanie spoke about how unprepared their youth are to complete high school.

Brenda told the group that YDC grant managers have been offering technical assistance to the tribal programs awarded across the state for the 2015-2017 biennial Community Investments. The group was informed about YDC Workforce Investment Entrepreneurship funds and encouraged the tribes to apply.

YDC Databases Development Update – Brenda Brooks, Deputy Director
The Youth Development Division is currently in the process of building three separate databases for its programs: the Federal Compliance Database, the Youth Development Division Outcomes Database, and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Data Manager. Two of the three projects are on hold for now.

1) Federal Compliance Monitoring Database: This database is designed to collect juvenile admissions and assess compliance with the JJDPA. Once completed, it will be the first time the over 500 reporting agencies will be able to submit their compliance data electronically. This database is on hold. There is no one currently on staff at ODE to do the work to complete the front end application. There is no current estimate on completion.

2) YDD Outcomes Manager: This system, whose components were developed by the YDC’s Research, Data, and Evaluation Committee (led by Dr. Mary Arnold) in 2014, has been designed to track community-based organization, county program, and school-based organization data outlined in the YDC’s Community Investment Strategy. A few common outcomes being tracked include academic improvement, improvement in chronic absenteeism, and suspension, expulsion, and detention data.
Currently, programs are tracking their short-term, intermediate-term and long-term outcomes on Excel spreadsheets. These track targets of youth served and the three-to-five outcomes negotiated with YDD Grant Managers prior to the signing of Program Performance Agreements submitted in Logic Model 3 of the application process. Once the database is built, the Excel spreadsheets will be rolled into the database. Although Mary Arnold reported in September that this project could be completed by early 2016, this project is now on hold. The three applications being designed to “talk” to each other need some tweaking. Also, the former Oregon Department of Education prioritization system is being revamped, so this project is currently on hold until that process is complete.

3) **Juvenile Crime Prevention Manager:** ODE is actively working on this project, utilizing the development team at Oregon State University, which is under contract. ODE will be hosting the application once it is completed. This project is currently in Iteration 9, and will then be tested internally. This project is moving along; it is under budget and contracted through January 15, 2016. ODE is considering renegotiating this contract with OSU to see if OSU can complete the work on this project. This is fairly close to completion.

**Invited Testimony – K-12 Suspension, Expulsion, Detention Update** – John Inglish, Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Specialist and Blake Whitson, ODE Research Analyst

John Inglish and Blake Whitson presented to the Council an overview of the new school discipline reform in Oregon with the key changes from House Bill 2192.

**Limits expulsion to the following circumstances:**
- For conduct that poses a threat to the health or safety of students or school employees
- When other strategies to change student conduct have been ineffective; or
- When the expulsion is required by law

**Requires districts to develop “a student handbook, code of conduct, or other document that:”**
- Defines a respectful learning environment
- Defines acceptable behavior, and behavior that is subject to discipline
- Establishes procedures to address threatening behavior
- Establishes consequences that correct and promote positive alternative behavior
- Makes consequences known throughout the school community

**Next Meeting:**
March 17, 2016, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.