Youth Development Council
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room 50
Salem, OR 97301

Members

☐ Matt Morton, Chair
☐ Jay Dixon, Vice Chair
☐ Janet Arenz
☐ Jaime Arredondo
☐ Agnes Balassa

☐ John Teague
☐ Martha Brooks
☐ Martha Doyle, Youth member
☐ Faye Fagel
☐ Dr. William Feyerherm

☐ David Fullerton
☐ Blanca Gutierrez, Youth member
☐ Frank Hanna-Williams
☐ Alicia Hays
☐ Renee Hernandez, Youth Member

☐ Ted Martinez
☐ Meghan Moyer
☐ Brian Pham, Youth Member
☐ Lolenzo Poe
☐ Tim Sinatra

YDC Staff

☐ Iris Bell, Executive Director
☐ Brenda Brooks, Deputy Director

☐ Nadja Jones
☐ Anya Sekino
☐ Matt Tschabold
☐ Rosy Alejo
☐ Abraham Magaña
☐ Ryan Shands
☐ Karen Kramer

Welcome and introductions, Jay Dixon, Youth Development Council Vice Chair – Vice Chair Dixon called the meeting to order, conducted the roll call of council members, and led the introductions of staff and guest presenters.

Jay welcomed new council member Brenda A. Frank. Brenda is a member of the Klamath Tribe, Director of Education and Employment for the Klamath Tribe, and is a member of Oregon’s Government to Government Education Cluster.

He also welcomed new Youth Development Council Staff Abraham Magaña, Prevention and Intervention Specialist.

Approval of the June 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes – Unanimously approved

Oregon Department of Education Transformation and Youth Development Division Integration - Rob Saxton, Deputy Superintendent, Oregon Department of Education

Deputy Superintendent Rob Saxton said he was pleased with the integration of the Youth Development Council and Early Learning Council as divisions of ODE. He explained that YDC Executive Director Iris Bell and Early Learning Council Executive Director Jada Ruply are appointed by the Governor and have co-authority, therefore collectively will come together so that back office functions are prioritized and intact, maintaining each council’s identity and mission set forth by legislation. He stated that the Department of Education will not swallow up programmatic services, but will have business functions (fiscal, contracts, HR, procurement).

Rob is encouraged that youth will have access to services and there will be systems in place to remove barriers affecting homeless and disenfranchised youth, along with gang prevention services. He added that he felt it was important to create an Office of Equity. For example, areas of ethnicity, Indian Education Specialist, and the creation of bilingual programs are underway. ODE declared that by this winter, the Department of Education’s own employees will mirror the diverse population across the state.
He said by the end of biennium the Early Learning Division is to have up to 16 Early Learning Hubs. And like the YDD, the ELD is going out to communities to explain what a Hub is and how they can become part of a Hub: Healthy Start, Head Start, and daycare. Both are engaging parents and families to move children and youth forward. Rob thanked Iris Bell and Brenda Brooks for their collaboration, their passion, and their work for the Youth Development Council.

**Temporary and Permanent Oregon Administrative Rules and Intergovernmental Agreements - Brenda Brooks, YDC Deputy Director, and Cindy Hunt, ODE Government and Legal Affairs Manager**

Cindy Hunt provided information about the general principles, rulemaking procedures and rulemaking hurdles. She defined an administrative rule and cited ORS 183.310(9): “rule” as “any agency directive, standard, regulation or statement of general applicability that implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of any agency.” The presentation included hierarchy of state laws, the hierarchy of federal laws, rulemaking procedures, steps before a rule is presented to the council, the minimum number of days to adopt, amend or repeal a rule, and the role of the council. Cindy’s PowerPoint can be emailed or mailed to interested persons. In closing, Cindy recommended that Youth Development Council members attend a government ethics training.

Recently the Youth Development Council voted 12-1 to add temporary rules in a Special Meeting. Temporary Rules are effective for only 180 days and do not allow for as much input. Temporary Rules can happen in one day or less. Until a rule is adopted, it can be changed, placed back on the state’s website and filed with the Secretary of the State. Rules are law and enforceable (ORS 182.310(9)). There is a hierarchy: state laws must be consistent with the Oregon State Constitution, Statutes and Rules, as well as federal laws (United States Constitution). After any rule is adopted, it is reviewed by the Office of Legislative Council.

**Juvenile Justice Committee: Follow-up on Funding Review Committee Recommendation - Chief John Teague, Juvenile Justice Committee Lead**

Chief John Teague provided an overview of the council’s recommendation from the June 20 YDC Quarterly Meeting that the Grant Review Committee provide additional criteria and information regarding the selection process for the FY 2012 Formula Grant Proposals Review Summary: Youth Gangs Prevention and Intervention. The council unanimously approved a motion to close the grant process, carry over the remaining $25,000 and open a new RFP process for that amount.

**Director’s Report - Iris Bell, Executive Director, Youth Development Council**

During the Interim Legislation Session, Executive Director Iris Bell made presentations to the House Human Services and Housing Committee, and the Senate Education Committee. The Senate Education Committee wanted an overview and update of House Bill 3231. The Senate Education Committee was updated on House Bills 4165 and 3231.

Iris had opportunities to engage various ODE Departments including Student Learning and Partnerships on subjects such as suspension, expulsion and discipline. She has had conversations with House Human Services regarding homeless youth programs. Liaisons are aligned and engaged with eight homeless sites and looking into funding. This is exactly what YDC is mandated to do. Iris had the opportunity to tell the House and Human Services about the Community Engagement Process, described in more detail below.

**Recognizing the Efforts of the Quinault Indian Nation in Hosting the “Paddle to Quinault” 2013 Canoe Journey**

Executive Director \Bell gave special recognition and congratulations to council member David Fullerton, Tribal Representative and the Grand Ronde Tribe, whose “Paddle to Quinault” Canoe Journey was entered into the Congressional Record by the Honorable Derek Kilmer of Washington in the House of Representatives, on Friday, August 2, 2013. She asked David to share with the group his experience. He described that 190 participants focused on Native American ancestral traditions. Oregon Public Broadcasting produced a
documentary about their journey. When it is ready to be aired, David will send out the information. Next year the Canoe Journey will be held at Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

**Update on YDC Community Engagement Process – Brenda Brooks, Deputy Director, YDC**

The Community Engagement Process started in La Grande on August 7. YDC Operations and Policy Analyst Matt Tschabold, who is the project lead, other YDC staff and council members will have participated in about 30 meetings in communities through November.

Common themes noted during the trips include hearing that schools are asking for a lot of help for mental health, particularly for youth. This was heard time and time again from both teachers and parents: that teachers realize how many students need services and there weren’t any, and parents needing services, but are on a waiting list.

Successful community outcomes are being demonstrated in Central Oregon. Council members Faye Fagel and Jay Dixon found that in Sisters, Oregon, students were not expelled from school; rather the school wraps around and connects with the youth to get them reengaged. Central Oregon collaborates the little bit of resources each community has, and combines those resources to piece together a program for the entire community. This Collective Impact model stuck with Jay after meeting with two Deschutes County legislators and commissioners.

When Iris went to Baker City, she learned that La Grande and Baker are in partnership by driving youth to La Grande for mental health services a few of times each month.

Jaime Arredondo led the community outreach process in Woodburn. He stated that Woodburn has a minority majority. There is good cultural competency from government and non-profits. The common theme among families, school district and community leaders was about afterschool programs for youth, parenting issues and mental health needs. Brenda Brooks was in Woodburn as well. She and the rest of the YDC team visited three migrant worker housing units and saw first-hand the conditions that these youth are living in; it touched her deeply. After those visits, Jaime took the team to the Farmworker Housing Development Corporation (FHDC) housing development in Woodburn, a beautiful community that is the polar opposite of the sites they visited earlier in the day. Brenda encourages council and staff to watch the YouTube video, *FHDC-Building Communities*. The video demonstrates a farmworker housing program that is run by one staff, yet there is a 95% graduation rate, no teen pregnancy and no gangs.

**Committee Updates**

**Juvenile Justice Update (Compliance Monitoring)** – Committee lead Chief John Teague reported that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention full time YDD Compliance Monitor, Ryan Shands, has monitored facilities throughout Oregon and is responsible for monitoring over 500 sites in the state. Ryan saw a greater need to visit sites in Eastern Oregon. The YDC contracted with Tim Evinger, former sheriff of Klamath County, for compliance monitoring in the Eastern and parts of Central Oregon.

**State Agencies Serving Youth Update** – Staff lead Brenda Brooks reported that most of the project data is in. The committee will meet with ECONorthwest President John Tapogna and policy analysts to go over the data, align systems, and coordinate the data.

**Prevention/Intervention Update** – Committee lead Ted Martinez said now that Abraham Magaña is on staff, he has the expertise needed for this committee to begin meeting on a regular basis. The group will set up its first meeting soon.

**Educational Supports/Developmental Assets** – Committee member Jaime Arredondo reported that the committee has met several times since the June YDC Quarterly meeting. Members have focused on understanding and planning for the committee role in the development of a new policy and funding model for the Youth Development Division. The committee is developing a work plan that aligns with the community engagement and surveying process currently underway, as a tool to inform the development of the policy and funding model. It is also developing a work plan that aligns with the work being done around data, research and evaluation to incorporate the indicators of need associated
with the model. Jaime added that the committee is aligning the language and approach to Oregon youth development with that occurring at the national level, specifically in reference to the economic potential of Opportunity Youth when connected to the education system and labor market. The committee is beginning to pursue the idea of a collective impact methodology as an approach to implementing youth development services in Oregon. Not only does this align with what is being discussed nationally in government and foundations, but also with efforts already happening in Oregon, such as the Poverty to Prosperity work in Eastern Oregon, All Hands Raised in the Portland Metro area, United Way efforts in Southern Oregon, and more.

Employment/Internships/Career Development
The committee will be meeting as soon as Community Engagement visits have ended. Those visits have kept staff who would help lead this work on the road every week.

Research, Evaluation and Data
Committee member Jaime Arredondo combined Research, Evaluation and Data within his Educational Supports/Developmental Assets update.

Youth Summit Update
Blanca Gutierrez and Renee Hernandez, Youth council members, attended the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Youth Summit in Washington, D.C. Blanca stated that her takeaway was the successful convening of different people involved of criminal justice system. State advisory groups found ways to network with each other and bring in community members to best serve with the summit youth.

Renee’s take away from the summit was the group training. She found it to be effective and engaged in Juvenile Justice Reform, both on the state level and nationally. YDC’s committee has youth members where other SAGs do not. Renee promoted the idea that youth members be part of the committees to demonstrate that they are engaged. She was able to participate in recommendations to the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice, stating that her voice was heard and recognized. The administrator for OJJDP explained that he wants to hear from youth and committed that someone will respond to emails even if he can’t. Renee noted that some SAGs are out of compliance and asked what Oregon can do to help other states get into compliance.

Public Testimony
No public testimony was presented.

Introduction of the Interim Chief Education Officer - Nancy Golden, Interim Chief Education Officer, Oregon Education Investment Board
CEdO Golden stated that it is critical that youth at risk are at the forefront and posed the question: What is important to you for the OEIB? She is very impressed with Iris’s dedication to youth. Iris said that it is important that no child falls off the path. Nancy said she is impressed by the staff that are out in the community.

Nancy engaged the Youth Development Council by asking what the council needs from the OEIB. Responses included learning about the OEIB system and what it looks like moving forward; her time and ear; engaged in the School to Prison Pipeline discussion. Council members want youth to attend community college to finish education, not necessarily at high school. Another said the council is on cusp of figuring out who they are and what they do so her presence is needed. Another asked what the plan is to improve curriculum within the Oregon Youth Authority to be sure it is aligned when youth leave incarceration.

Nancy responded that groups are looking at data, hearing the student voice, etc. Nancy was invited to visit MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility to learn more about curriculum alignment. Another response to Nancy was that youth have a voice and need to be engaged in policy decisions. Nancy agreed and will be putting together a Student Advisory
Committee with an invitation to youth members on the council to join the committee. Nancy said that OEIB’s P-20 meetings will keep conversations going, people engaged and structurally bring in youth and family voices.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** December 12, 2013