



Youth Development Council
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room 50
Salem, OR 97301

Members

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Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Teague | <input type="checkbox"/> David Fullerton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Martinez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brenda A. Frank |
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Vice Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Brooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanca Gutierrez,
Youth member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meghan Moyer | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Arenz | <input type="checkbox"/> Martha Doyle,
Youth member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hanna-
Williams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Pham,
Youth Member | |
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Arnold | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renee Hernandez,
Youth Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Sinatra | |

YDC Staff

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iris Bell,
Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Tschabold | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anya Sekino | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Deputy Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abraham
Magaña | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Shands | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Kramer |

Welcome and introductions Matt Morton, Youth Development Council Chair - Chair Morton called the meeting to order, conducted the roll call of council members, and led the introductions of staff and guest presenters.

Matt Morton, Chair – Matt welcomed new council member Dr. Mary Arnold, a professor at Oregon State University working at the college of Public Health & Human Service. Dr. Arnold is a 4H Development Specialist. Matt welcomed her expertise in youth development and research to the council.

Approval of the September 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes – Unanimously approved

Director’s Report – Iris Bell, Executive Director, Youth Development Council

Iris Bell provided information on the Community Engagement Process and explained that the council has been mandated by the Legislature that the YDC was to go around Oregon to engage with the community. Iris explain about that council and staff traveled to more than 30 communities, engaging parents, youth, teachers, administrators, non-profits, faith communities, business leaders, juvenile directors and other county commissioners and staff at nearly 100 meetings in the communities. It was a very informed and formative process. These meeting sought input on gaps in communities, and was an opportunity for they to share what was working well. One issue brought up in nearly every community was a lack of easily accessible mental health services for youth. The YDC passed the information along to the Legislature. The council and staff also heard the need for more before and after school programs to help keep the children motivated and engaged.

The YDC Community Engagement trips made to the Umatilla, Siletz and Klamath Tribes, were also informative. Chair Morton added that the YDC Community Engagement trips were valuable to learn about the need for more tribal resources. There was conversation about moving from the old system to the new system and how there will be more opportunities more funding in the tribal communities.

Iris informed the council that the final version of Gang Report which was mandated by HB4165, has been submitted the Oregon Education Investment Board.

Iris was notified By the Oregon Education Investment Board they are requesting members of the Council sit on various sub-committees of the OEIB. She told council members she would forward that information to them for consideration.

Juvenile Justice Committee: Resubmission of Funding Recommendation– John Teague, Juvenile Justice Lead and Anya Sekino, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Manager

At the last full meeting, the council unanimously approved a motion to close the grant process, carry over the remaining \$25,000 and open a new Request for Proposal (RFP) process for that amount. The committee received four applications. After the applications were reviewed by committee members John Teague, Martha Brooks, Jay Dixon, Renee Hernandez , Brian Pham, the award went to the Boys & Girl Club of Western Treasure Valley. A motion was made for the council to approve the recommendation. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Gang Report – Ted Martinez, Prevention/Intervention Specialist, and Abraham Magaña, Youth Prevention/Intervention Specialist

Prevention/Intervention Committee Lead Ted Martinez informed the council that Iris and Abraham Magaña, Youth Prevention/Intervention Specialist, presented the YDC's Gang Report to the Oregon Education Investment Board and Governor John Kitzhaber.

Abraham said the report provides a snapshot of youth gang activity currently occurring around the state and an update of what local jurisdictions are doing to address the gang activity within the respective communities. He noted gang activity is not merely a problem in metropolitan areas, but also in rural communities. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model is a collective community partnership approach to addressing youth gang. It is a proven model in reducing violent crime, decreasing criminal activity and gang involvement and increases success in educational and job opportunities. Abe told the council the Governor was very interested in hearing from the Healing Hurt People team, its early successes. A reporter from Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) came to cover the presentation.

Committee Updates

State Agencies Serving Youth Update – Alicia Hays, Committee Lead, and Brenda Brooks, YDC Deputy Director

Council member and Committee Lead Alicia Hays told the council the committee was to meet soon in a day-long session to take a deeper dive into the data compiled by consultant ECONorthwest. The committee's task is to make broader recommendations to go along with the ECONorthwest report on findings from their assessment of State of Oregon Youth-Serving Agencies. Brenda explained that the data pages are extensive, asking contacts from different state agencies what programs they have serving youth, what level of evidence base is used in the programs, how many youth are served, and what

outcomes they are getting for their investments, if any. Brenda said it was not an easy task because agencies had a wide range of accountability and ability to track the resources. Some were better than others in their ability to track outcomes. Iris explained that there had been interest expressed at high levels of government to see the data and recommendations from the council on this project. Iris said that legislative intent is for the YDC to eventually come up with recommendations to consolidate, align, or even eliminate programs that might be duplicative or that don't have a good return on investment. Brenda explained that there were many different ways to group and examine a lot of the data, and that narrowing the focus was a big task facing the committee. Brenda explained that the committee and staff would also be responsible for holding discussions with state youth-serving agencies to ask questions about duplication and inability to track outcomes. Brenda said the committee should be able to have a set of recommendations ready for the March quarterly meeting.

Educational Supports/Developmental Assets Committee – Jaime Arredondo, committee member, and Matthew Tschabold – Operations & Policy Analyst, Youth Development Division

Jamie Arredondo reported that the committee has met several times since the June YDC quarterly meeting. The committee produced a policy and funding model concept and is getting very close to having the structure completed. A concept report was given to the Youth Development Council that incorporates components of other funding models that the committee researched, including both government and non-government funding models. The report incorporates the community input that was gathered from the 100 plus meetings in 30 communities. The report also incorporates the data and research analysis that has been done for several decades on why youth struggle in the education process and the factors leading to that struggle. Finally, it incorporates a community-based method that has been used for solving social issues. Matthew Tschabold then went into more detail on the current concept of the Funding Allocation Plan. Matt discussed the three components that make the plan feasible:

First Component: The Community Engagement process explores what programs and services are being funded and what struggles are being experienced in communities.

Second Component: Consists of decades of research around youth that are disconnecting from school and work. The committee's research was able to find indicators associated with communities and individuals to identify where there is a need which can help guide where the council will put investments.

Third Component: A review of different community-based methodologies for coming together as a community, planning for programs and services. The committee agreed a collective impact approach would be most equitable and effective.

Matt then answered several questions from the council members.

Invited Testimony:

Oregon State University 4-H Program: Dr. Roger Rennekamp, Dr. Mary Arnold and Mario Magana- Dr. Roger Rennekamp spoke to the council about how the programs at OSU have worked successfully with Priority Youth and Opportunity Youth across the state. The Public Health & Human Science programs at OSU have touched 130,000 Kindergarten – 12th grade underserved youth.

Dr. Mary Arnold, Ph.D, the newest member of the council, spoke on the cutting edge research that they are using to build youth programs into a thriving direction. Mary spoke of the importance of youth needing to have a reason to engage.

Mario Magana then spoke on OSU's 4-H programs, which help youth to be role models with a new program called the 4-H Leadership Institute. This institute trains high school students to prepare for college and learn about careers.

OSU SMILE Program: Ryan Collay, Assistance Director, Precollege Programs -

The Science & Math Investigative Learning Experience (SMILE) program started at OSU in 1987 based on the 4-H model. The SMILE program is comprised of high school students from across the state in after school clubs serving underrepresented youth. These clubs create a place where students feel nourished and are able to thrive.

Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA)–Dan Krein, Tillamook Juvenile Director, and Linn County Juvenile Director Tori Lynn, President-elect, OJJDA

Dan spoke about the history and purpose of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Program in Oregon and its accomplishments since being established in 1995. Dan pointed out that the JCP program has produced effective outcomes and that by investing in youth at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system, this funding is a proven and sound investment. Dan also read a letter from a youth that benefited from a School Based Contact Program at Whitford Middle School.

SMYRC (Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center) Neola Young – Youth and Young Adult Program Manager

Neola Young spoke on the importance of this resource center established in 1998 in Portland for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender queer and questioning youth. Neola described SMYRC as a structured program that includes support groups and counseling for LGBTQ youth in safe environment. The risk factors for the LGBTQ youth communities include depression, suicide, substance abuse, interpersonal violence and non-completion of school.

Because these youth are often rejected by the wider community, they are nine times more likely to not attend school due to bullying and rejection. These youth are eight times more likely to commit suicide.

The homeless rate for LGBTQ youth is 45%, with nearly half arriving from around the state, outside of Portland. The family rejection is often so bad that the youth would rather risk living on the streets or in shelters than in their homes. Neola said 17% leave because they are being sexually abused. Another 27% are in the foster care system.

Additional comment from council member Faye Fagel:

Faye had three separate requests of staff:

- 1) That there be more time allowed than two hours for full dialogue prior to the vote on the HB 3231 Funding Allocation Plan.
- 2) That documents be sent to council members sooner than the afternoon prior to a meeting so that they can be better scrutinized.
- 3) That the council hear public testimony prior to a vote rather than at the end of the meeting.

Public Testimony:

Julie Johnson of the Burn Paiute Tribe testified on how the 9 Federally-Recognized Tribes have benefited from after school programs. She said she is concerned about the changes about to take place in JCP funding.

Tracy Kennedy Burns, Paiute Juvenile Crime Prevention Coordinator, testified on the changes being proposed and was concerned how they might impact tribal youth.

Three public testimony letters were also given to each council member. Judge Gary Thompson from Sherman County; Principal Brandon Hundley from Neil Armstrong Middle School; and Principal Shelley Mitchell from Banks Junior High School all expressed concern about adopting a policy that might impact their communities.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 20, 2013