



Youth Development Council
March 17, 2016
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Oregon State Capitol Hearing Room D
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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YDC Staff

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Welcome and Introductions

Celeste Janssen, Youth Development Council Chair

Chair Celeste Janssen called the meeting to order. Karen Wilkes conducted the roll call of the Council.

Approval of December 10, 2016 Youth Development Council Quarterly Meeting Summary:

Chair Celeste Janssen called for a motion to approve. A change was noted for the December meeting summary, to change Jay Dixon's title from co-chair to vice chair. The motion was called with the amendment and was unanimously approved.

Approval of February 29, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Summary:

Chair Celeste Janssen called for a motion from the Executive Committee members; the motion was unanimously approved.

Governor's Office Report:

Lindsey Capps, Governor's Education Policy Advisor and Chief Education Officer

Lindsey Capps spoke to the Council about Governor Brown's commitment to the goal of creating a seamless education system from cradle to career. Part of her plan is to get all involved to think of the critical supports that surround every child, student and youth for their future success.

The Governor views the connection of this seamless system as a way of creating a skilled and diverse workforce that reflects all the faces of Oregon. The Governor is committed to creating healthy, safe and thriving communities and ensuring that fewer Oregonians are living in, and raising, their children in poverty. Lindsey told the group this requires the Council to think in an integrated way when developing budget and policy priorities in order to achieve equitable outcomes across a number of policy sectors. This is the work that the Governor will be initiating across the state for developing her budget for the 2017-2019 Legislative Session. He said the Council needs to view its work broadly to partner with communities and make sure that equity is at the forefront of Council actions. Lindsey said the Governor will be focusing her efforts on implementing stronger policies in Education; Workforce; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); and Career and Technical Education (CTE) priorities.

Executive Committee Update: Developing Effective Systems for Oregon's Opportunity Youth and Priority Youth

Celeste Janssen, Chai, Youth Development Council

The YDC Executive Committee examined the Council's preliminary strategic outline. The conversation touched on the development of effective systems for Oregon's Opportunity Youth and Priority Youth. The members agreed there needs to be alignment with other systems that also work with the YDC's targeted population, including Oregon's disengaged homeless, unemployed, and LGBT youth, among others.

The JCP program model for planning was presented by Dr. Mary Arnold, a member of the Juvenile Justice Committee, who is also the chair of the Data, Research and Evaluation Committee. The plan is to require programs funded with Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funds to adhere to the principles of positive youth development (PYD). The PYD approach proposed by the Juvenile Justice Committee focused on four areas of risk that are common to youth at risk for juvenile crime, and the resiliency factors on which programs should focus in order to ameliorate the risk effects. The resiliency factors were gleaned from a review of research related to juvenile crime and PYD. The result was the development of a program model, including theories of change and action that JCP programs can use to build effective program plans.

After review and discussion, the Executive Committee felt that a similar model could be useful for all YDC funding streams which are focused in: School Engagement and Success, Re-engagement of Out-of-School Youth, Career and Workforce Development, and Juvenile Crime Prevention.

Theories of Change Concepts:

Research Chair Mary Arnold and YDC Operations and Policy Analyst Bill T. Hansell

The Unified Systems' Theory is based on the PYD framework. Using YDC Bylaws and amended Oregon Revised Statutes, the Unified Theory can be applied to areas of the YDC's work.

Director's Report:

Iris Bell, Executive Director

Introduction of New Youth Development Council Staff:

Bill T. Hansell, the YDC's new Operations and Policy Analyst, transferred from ODE's Office of Assessment and Accountability. Bobby Bridges Jr. was introduced as YDC's Community Engagement Coordinator. Bobby came to the YDC from the Department of Human Services (DHS), where he had been working with Crossover Youth and their families.

2017-2019 YDC Budget Development:

The YDC is an integral part of the Governor's Education Cabinet. The YDC has an opportunity to have a stronger impact and role in the Governor's 2017-2019 Budget. Lindsey Capps has indicated the Council has an important role to play, particularly in supporting *Student Readiness and Supports*, and *Identifying and Re-engaging Out-of-School Youth*.

The Executive Committee examined the YDC's preliminary strategic outline. Going into the upcoming session, the Council will have a comprehensive strategic plan with priorities and recommendations in it that strengthen the goal of re-engagement 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.

Public Testimony

Jessica Ryan, Founder of LearnLife.org

Jennifer is the founder of a technology startup company for youth development. Jennifer wanted the Council to know that it is hard to innovate with the YDC requirement of an evidence-based model. She reminded Council members that youth connect through technology, and receive much of their information through their mobile phones. Jennifer asked Council members to look at the role technology plays as they start thinking about better system alignment and collaboration across sectors.

Youth Development Council Committee Updates:**Juvenile Justice Update – Juvenile Crime Prevention Planning Update**

Committee Lead John Teague

The Juvenile Justice Committee (JJC) of the YDC recently considered a proposal to require programs funded through Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funds to develop programs based on Positive Youth Development (PYD). The PYD approach proposed by the JJC focused on four areas of risk that are common to youth at risk for juvenile crime, and the resiliency factors on which programs should focus in order to ameliorate the risk effects. The result of the research review was the development of a program model, including theories of

change and action that JCP programs can use to build effective program plans. Continuing conversations in the committee revealed that the JCP assessment tool and ORS 417.855 defined the level of risk differently. Specifically, Chief Teague said, the statute's definition of high risk is more inclusive: one or more risks in any of the categories. The NPC Evaluation delineates risk levels into low, medium, and high. If the JCP-funded providers were to use the assessment tool to determine which youth are eligible for service to identify risk level as an eligibility requirement, would youth be left unserved? At the December 10 Quarterly Council Meeting, the Juvenile Justice Committee recommended to the Council that additional work needs to occur with county lead agencies and the Tribes to involve them in the JCP Planning process.

State Advisory Group Update:

Anya Sekino, Juvenile Crime Prevention Manager

The last Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) was in June 2002. The Council is waiting for the new compliance monitoring guidelines to be issued by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Several Council members will attend the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference in Washington, D.C., April 19-23. Council members will have a chance to talk to the Oregon Congressional Delegation during Hill Day activities to educate on the support of the Reauthorization bill that was introduced in the Senate.

The OJJDP will be providing technical assistance, requested by Governor Brown, to assess Oregon's Juvenile Justice System and its adherence to the developmental approach to juvenile justice reform.

Carmen Santiago Roberts, OJJDP State Relations Representative, is expected to conduct a site visit in mid-July. Anya asked that Council consider meeting with her while she is in Oregon.

Invited Testimony:

Oregon Community Foundation Presentation: Student Data and the Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA) Model – *Kim Leonard, Senior Education Officer*

The Oregon Community Foundation furthers the availability of impartial research and information about Oregon's philanthropy and nonprofit sectors. The Research Program assists the foundation with setting foundation strategy and researching and developing new programs. OCF's approach to creating new strategies includes researching the pressing needs and issues facing Oregon and identifying existing strategies and best practices to address those needs. OCF is committed to documenting the outcomes of its investments and continually improving its programming. The Research Program oversees program evaluation of OCF's programs and initiatives, conducting some program evaluations in-house and contracting with universities and research firms for others.

A substantial and growing evidence base confirms that afterschool programs can make a positive difference for youth in the critical domains of achievement, social and civic skills, and risk reduction. However, many programs do not realize this potential, and a primary reason for this may be the quality of experiences available to youth in these settings. Improving quality is therefore a priority for the afterschool field. Evidence suggests that the predominant form of professional development and staff training without follow-up rarely produces sustained change in practice. The Youth

Program Quality Intervention (YPQI) offers a continuous improvement approach that flips traditional professional development upside down: the intervention leads with performance assessment and then engages staff in a multi-month cycle of planning and improvement. The YPQI study, the first experimental investigation of a data driven, continuous improvement intervention in the after-school field, occurred from 2006-2008. OCF set out to understand if the YPQI could improve the quality of youth experiences in afterschool programs and believes it has an impact on program quality.

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Implementation in Oregon and WorkSystems:
YDC- funded Innovation Grant program update**

WorkSystems, Inc.'s Youth Services Manager Barb Timper and Chief Programs Officer Patrick Gihring

WorkSystems, Inc., is a non-profit that pursues and invests resources to improve the quality of the local workforce. WorkSystems designs and coordinates workforce development programs and services delivered through a network of partners to help youth and adults get the skills training and education they need to go to work or advance in their careers. Barb Timper explained how YDC funds were being used to expand their program that connects youth to work experiences. They are extending the year-round internship program to Opportunity Youth enrolled in high school completion, GED, and college persistence programs at Portland Community College (PCC). These youth will come from *Future Connect*, *Gateway to College* and *Yes to College* programs at PCC. The goal of the project is to increase access to meaningful work experiences for low income youth and first generation college students to support retention and completion in secondary and post-secondary academic programs. They plan to place 30 Opportunity Youth in paid internships in the public and private sector over the two years of the grant.

Patrick Gihring had just returned from Washington, D.C., where he was informed on the federal government's issuance of guidelines regarding funding to adhere to the new requirements of the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) that engage a higher percentage of Opportunity Youth with WIOA funds. The percentage has climbed to 75% of all funding going to Out-of-School Youth. Patrick said it's still early in the process and the Oregon is still determining how best to implement the requirements.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 16, 2016, 9:00.a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Oregon Public Service Building, 2nd floor, Rooms 251-A and 251-B.

Adjourned:

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