



Youth Development Council
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2013
9:00-11:30 a.m.
Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room 50
Salem, OR 97301

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Youth Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Sinatra |

YDC Staff

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Executive Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brenda Brooks,
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Welcome and Introductions, Matt Morton, Youth Development Council Chair – Chair Matt Morton called the meeting to order, conducted the roll call of council members, and led the introductions of staff and guests presenters.

Approval of the March 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes – Unanimously approved

Oregon Equity Lens Presentation and Adoption – Dr. Doris McEwen, Deputy Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB)

Dr. McEwen explained that Dr. Rudy Crew, Chief Education Officer, created four subcommittees charged with assisting the OEIB in its strategic work. They include *Governance; Best Practices and Innovations; Investments; and Equity and Partnerships*. The subcommittee led by Dr. McEwen, *Equity and Partnerships*, is charged with providing guidance and expertise in the development of strategies to reach out-of-school youth and overcoming challenges associated with race, ethnicity, poverty, and language. The subcommittee developed the *Oregon Equity Lens*, which describes growing educational disparity between communities of color, immigrants, migrants, and low income rural students as compared to more affluent white students. Dr. McEwen noted that persistent educational disparities have cost Oregon billions of dollars in lost economic output. The Oregon Equity Lens provides a set of guidelines that, if followed, allow for direct improvements in achievement gaps. She said it was encouraging that the YDC put the adoption of the Oregon Equity Lens on the agenda for discussion and adoption. The YDC voted to approve the document.

Legislative Update, House Bill 3231A – Brenda Brooks, YDC Deputy Director

HB 3231 was originally introduced to establish the Youth Development Division within the Department of Education, moving the division from the Governor's Office. The House Education Committee amended the bill to include language of transfer of duties, functions, and powers of the YDC to the Youth Development Division. The committee moved HB 3231 with a "do pass" as amended, and referred the bill to Rules, then on to Ways and

Means. The Joint Ways and Means Committee assigned HB 3231A to the Subcommittee on Education. It included language from 2012's HB 4165 language requiring:

- Prioritizing funding related to services, prevention and intervention in risk factors leading to juvenile delinquency
- The promotion of protective factors for the health and well-being of children and youth
- The promotion of protective factors and intervention of gang violence and gang involvement
- Requires additional transition year from July 1, 2103 to June 30, 2014
- Requires the YDC to develop a funding plan no later than July 1, 2014, for all services provided by the council, including juvenile crime prevention programs
- During the transition year, counties and tribes will continue to have the same funding they do now. No currently-funded children, youth or family programs will lose funding.

Brenda said the YDC will be hosting community engagement meetings throughout the state to help develop recommendations around investments to ensure the YDC remains on track towards developing positive outcomes for children, families and youth. Recommendations will be reported back to the Interim Legislative Committees before January 31, 2014.

Communications Update to Service Providers — Brenda Brooks, YDC Deputy Director

Brenda explained that now that the legislative direction is becoming evident, the YDC will now be able to move forward in its continued communication to stakeholders with a more definitive course of action. No children, youth or families funded with YDC funding streams will lose services on July 1, 2013. Amended Intergovernmental Agreements to tribes and counties will be sent out stating that there will be funding for a full year, from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Director's Report — Iris Bell, YDC Executive Director

Iris explained in more detail the Community Engagement process, which will include staff and the Youth Development Council. The interaction process will result in the YDC having a plan to make targeted, focused investments that align and support the goals of the OEIB and the Oregon Equity Lens. The public engagement process includes facilitated focus groups, surveys, and visits to see programs in action around the state. There will be tracking, monitoring and results mechanisms in place to ensure the YDC remains on track towards positive outcomes for children, youth and families. The new plan will be reported to Interim Legislative Committees before January 31, 2014.

Iris has been to conferences throughout the country to see programs that are working including a violence prevention program at the community level taking place in hospitals and trauma centers when gang violence is involved. *Healing Hurt People* is one example now underway at Portland's Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. Similar intervention and prevention programs are in Baltimore, MD, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, PA. UCLA is addressing *Barriers to Learning* for unsuccessful, homeless and disconnected youth. The *Clinton Global Initiative America* is committed to reconnecting youth who are unsuccessful, homeless or disconnected to workforce development. The YDC will be taking advantage of those initiatives, information and resources.

Council and Program Updates

Juvenile Justice Update

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference and Hill Visits, Washington, D.C.— Dallas Chief of Police John Teague provided feedback about the conference and its success. Council members who attended the conference met with legislative staff on *Hill Day*. They provided packets of information to educate legislative staff about the work of CJJ. The conversations at the conference's business meetings and *Hill Day* were very positive. The CJJ is encouraging the adoption of national standards for the care of youth charged with status offenses.

Congratulations go to YDC Youth council members Martha Doyle and Renee Hernandez. Martha was elected to

CJJ's Western Regional position and Renee was elected as CJJ's Western Regional Representative on the Youth Committee.

- **2012 Formula Grant Focus Area Gangs**

The Juvenile Justice Grant Review Committee reviewed and ranked grant applications for seven Formula Grant proposals for youth gang prevention and intervention projects. The committee recommended that the full council vote to fund the top two highest ranked projects for Resolutions Northwest, and Northwest Family Services. The committee also recommended that the council approve a third proposal by the lower ranked Boys & Girls Club of Western Treasure Valley. After further discussion, the council voted to approve the first two proposals, but sent back the Boys & Girls Club proposal recommendation to the Juvenile Justice Grant Review Committee for further review and recommendation. Council members asked the committee to provide additional criteria and information regarding the selection process.

Youth Serving Agencies, Phase II Update

Council member and Youth Serving Agencies Lead Alicia Hays provided an update on the Youth-Serving Agencies assessment. The committee had been reviewing the intended use of the assessment, which is to help the YDC make data-driven decisions and recommendations about the state's investments and to report credible information about state agency program impacts to the OEIB, the legislature and other stakeholders. This would lead to better continuity and alignment of youth-serving services throughout the state. The committee also reviewed the key deliverables, as it works with consultant ECONorthwest. Although it is fairly early in the process, the committee reviewed a list of youth-funded state agencies to determine what data to collect and the evidence based programs that could be early candidates for a quasi-experimental impact study on a handful of programs with the strongest evidence bases.

Kelly Smith, Senior Policy Analyst with ECONorthwest, added that there is a comprehensive list of state agency contacts to use for the next step. An Excel worksheet was sent to these contacts asking for specific data elements. The goal is to create a dynamic, interactive database of programs and information that can be updated.

Research, Evaluation and Data Update

Dr. Bill Feyerherm, the YDC Evaluation and Data Committee Lead, discussed the immediate plans of the committee regarding funding and the proposed creation of indicators used to inform the funding process. He explained that the committee needs to identify the indicators of need related to the primary mission of the YDC. Once the committee identifies the data elements that reflect the mission statement, the committee will propose how that could inform funding decisions.

2013 National Fatherhood Initiative Conference

YDC Council member Tim Sinatra, who is Executive Director of the Salem, Marion, and Polk Counties Boys & Girls Club, and Early Learning Council member Charles McGee, who is the President and CEO of Black Parent Initiative in Portland, attended the 2013 National Fatherhood Conference in Germantown, MD. They were excited to be participants at the conference and have the opportunity to interact with other leaders experienced in parenting best practices, and to help shed more light on gender biases on topics including men and nurturing, and fatherhood competencies. Both men encourage the support of organizations and agencies that engage in the viability of male parents.

Public Testimony

Bill Thomas, Director, Washington County Commission on Children and Families testified that he was present when Duke Sheppard testified that there would be funding at the current level for one year. Afterwards he sent an email to providers, but some programs couldn't hold on. Bill said that he was pleased with amendments to HB 3231.

Jeff Milligan, of the Central and Eastern Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium (CEOJJC), in partnership with county commissioners in the region, testified that they are willing to help counties improve the effectiveness of local prevention and intervention in the juvenile justice system. He said the consortium is poised to support the work of the YDC, as the YDC has challenging work overseeing the transition, including the Juvenile Crime Prevention Program and the growing multi-cultural aspect of the region.

Tim Loewen, Juvenile Department Director for Yamhill County, representing the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association and the OJDDA's President, Debra Patterson testified that his offer is similar to Jeff's: to offer the YDC and staff any assistance the association can provide as an integral part of juvenile crime prevention in the state.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2013