



Youth Development Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room F  
Salem, OR 97301

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**Welcome and Introductions** – *Jay Dixon, Youth Development Council Vice-Chair*

Vice Chair Jay Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Karen Wilkes called the roll. There were not enough members present to constitute a quorum, which delayed approval of the July 1, 2014 Quarterly Meeting Minutes, and July 31, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. Those meeting summaries will be voted on at the December meeting, along with the September meeting summary.

**Governor's Budget Priorities** – *Daniel Ledezma, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Kitzhaber*

Dani discussed the Governor's education budget and priorities. After each agency turned in their requested budget on September 1, the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) engaged with the education agencies and stakeholders. This also included a process of the Outcomes and Investments Subcommittee, which is hearing key strategies that achieve stronger outcomes. The subcommittee heard from many different community voices. The committee then focused on three main strategies, the pathways the committee feels will help achieve stronger outcomes.

The first of those pathways is Kindergarten Readiness and Third Grade Reading. The Governor wants to ensure the budget reflects this emphasis and focus. The second pathway is High School and Postsecondary Completion. The third pathway is Connecting Education to Careers.

Dani described the three concepts within the current funding system that are producing positive outcomes: English Language Learners; Ninth Grade on Track; and Career and Technical Education. Vice Chair Dixon asked where the YDC fit in the Governor's Budget. Dani replied the Ninth Grade on Track program area fits best within the framework of YDC investments. She said the Governor wants to give program incentives within districts that then partner with community based organizations to look at the students who may be at risk of not having credits, along with not having good attendance. She said those organizations could then create programs to ensure students get the credits needed for those at risk of not graduating. She said the YDC has done good work with their partners that were funded. Dani said the Governor's Office is in the process of looking at the long list of priorities, and then will make some choices and tradeoffs. She said not all priorities may be met in this biennium but that OEIB is making good headway on them.

### **Director's Report** – *Executive Director Iris Bell*

#### **Budget Update**

Iris reminded the council that the YDD is still in the budget process. She indicated that she did not have any numbers to share at this time; however she said there are conversations taking place throughout state government around the budget. She stated she would be able to share more at the next quarterly meeting. Division numbers remain at the Current Service Level.

#### **Budget Narrative**

The YDD Budget Narrative was sent to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). This narrative explains in detail YDD's operating and program budget; it identifies all division programs and funding streams.

#### **Outcomes and Investments**

The OEIB Outcomes and Investment Subcommittee's role in the budget process was described. The subcommittee heard from every state entity that had an education component. The entities then had to answer a series of questions about community investments.

#### **Program Offers**

Program Offer documents were submitted to DAS, because the State of Oregon is now doing priority-based budgeting. These documents spell out YDD's funding streams and explain the purpose of the funding along with the outcome expectations.

#### **Sequestration**

The YDD receives Title XX Social Services Block Grant funds which come to the division from the Department of Human Services (DHS). A component of YDD funding is tied up in DHS sequestration. The division was informed of this by DHS Director Erinn Kelley-Siel in August, and at that point it was not certain that YDD funds would be affected; however soon after that, it was determined that they were. The impact of the sequestration will have an effect on the current fiscal year, and will have an impact on the division in the 2015-2017 biennium. YDD is currently working with the Department of Education to address the current year's issue and will be working with ODE to address the issue in the next biennium. The Youth Investment funds for the YDD are in the Youth and Community Grant, and the Early Learning Division funds impact Relief Nurseries. The YDD has produced a policy option package to mitigate the loss of funds. If unsuccessful, the

YDD will need to reduce the Youth and Community Grant by the number of dollars that has been sequestered going into the next biennium.

### **YDC Retreat**

The date confirmed for the YDC retreat is December 5, 2014. Now that there is a firm date, those who have shown interest in being part of the planning committee are being contacted and will begin working on the retreat planning. Beverly Stein of Oregon Solutions Network will be facilitating the retreat. The council was given a handout of what the retreat's focus. Vice Chair Jay Dixon asked if the council should have a discussion on advocacy now or wait until the retreat. He was concerned that if we wait until December 5 it will be too late. Iris reminded the council that they have all the information on the budget process and all the background information with respect to the investments in the communities, and how the division is moving forward with the current level of funding. She said it is clear that it is in the best interest of the children and communities around the state that the council should advocate for additional funding. She said there is a large gap between the 8 million dollars in the Tier One Youth and Community Grant requests and the 2 million that was awarded; there is obviously a great need. Since the council understands the gap, the council can start to formulate some discussion around that need.

### **Public Meeting Requirements** – *Cindy Hunt, Government and Legal Affairs Manager, Oregon Department of Education*

Cindy Hunt was invited to speak to clarify issues for the council regarding public meeting requirements. Cindy said the YDC is subject to public meeting laws; staff must send out public notices for meetings. Public attendance must be allowed, but the public doesn't have to be given the right to participate in the meeting. Cindy also said that in email, council members should not hit 'reply all' when discussing council business. That constitutes a public meeting, because a quorum of the council has been copied; therefore the public must be present. She said it is best to discuss council business in a public setting. At social gatherings, council members should steer clear of discussing council business with other council members. And members should not use social media to discuss council business. Her PowerPoint was shared with the council as a resource.

### **Grant Awards Update** – *Matt Tschabold, YDC Policy Analyst and Abraham Magaña, YDC Prevention/Intervention Specialist*

Matt Tschabold gave a brief update to the council regarding the progress on the contracts and performance agreements. Staff have met with all awardees in person or video conference for contract negotiations, with some of the proposal modifications based on Option I that was passed by the council on July 31. Matt said the division is on track to have all performance agreements signed by the end of September. Matt informed the council that he is still analyzing the results of the survey given to stakeholders regarding the grant process and gave the council an overview of some of the comments. The list of recommendations had not been fully compiled; Matt said he would bring back the formal list to the council meeting in December. A question was asked if he received feedback from applicants who received reduced funding. Matt told the council that for the most part, the organizations were comfortable receiving reduced awards, although there were a few who would have liked to receive the full award. Council member Janet Arenz was concerned at not being part of the conversation on creating survey questions. She asked that the council be supplied with the list of questions that were asked, who the survey was sent to, and the replies that were received. Matt told the council a full packet of the survey will be supplied to them.

Abe Magaña updated the council on his ongoing efforts to work with the communities and tribes the council thought would be applying for the Youth and Gang Grant funds. Abe said all gang funding will be expended.

**State Youth-Serving Agencies Phase 2 Report** –*Alicia Hays, Committee Lead, and Brenda Brooks, Deputy Director*  
 Alicia Hays addressed the council regarding the purpose of the report, and that the report sought to answer the following questions: What is the current roster of programs that directly affect the outcomes that the council is charged with improving? How much does the state spend on youth-serving programs across the state and how much funding do these programs receive from other sources, especially the federal government? How many youth are enrolled in the program and what is the cost per participant? What degree of evidence exists to link the program to an outcome of interest? What trends and issues regarding the ability of youth-serving agencies to collect and provide sufficient data to assess program outcomes were found as a result of the inventory process? Brenda Brooks then went through the list of recommendations made by the YDC’s State Youth Serving Agencies Committee.

Chief John Teague spoke to standardizing data points. Chief Teague would like the state to provide more texture to a child than only race or gender. He would like agencies to also collect a child’s parents’ marriage status; whether a child is in foster care; the child’s current level of education and other indicators. John asked that when the report is brought back to the full council in December for a quorum vote, the committee could add several data points. Vice Chair Dixon asked when the report could be finalized. Brenda Brooks said that the report will need to be accepted by the full YDC council in December, then it will be sent to the legislature and the OEIB; they will then decide the next steps. The committee was asked how often the report would be updated. Janet Arenz reminded the council what a huge undertaking this report was, saying that it was incredibly labor intensive and expensive to compile. She said it was an important snapshot and of tremendous value. Janet was pleased with the recommendations that were presented. Iris Bell suggested that the council review an updated analysis every biennium.

**Added Agenda Item: Letter from Jefferson County – Director Iris Bell**

A letter was received from Jefferson County Commissioners voicing their concern about the grant process. Jefferson County was not awarded the same amounts received for the previous biennium. The breakdown of what was received is as follows:

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Biennium
	2013-2014	2014-2015	2013-2015
Jefferson County JCP Grant (General Fund)	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 45,000.00
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs JCP Grant (General Fund)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Jefferson County Title XX Grant (Federal Fund)	\$ 20,826.00	\$ 3,471.00	\$ 24,297.00
JABG Grant (Federal Fund)	\$ 3,815.00	\$ -	\$ 3,815.00
Formula Grant (Federal Fund)	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 93,600.00
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Community Grant (Federal Fund)	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Gangs Grant (General Fund)	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 128,741.00</b>	<b>\$ 312,971.00</b>	<b>\$ 441,712.00</b>

It was suggested that perhaps the commissioners were not aware of the total amount of money the YDC is investing in the county. A letter was written to the county laying out the funds currently allocated to Jefferson County and the wider community.

**Juvenile Crime Prevention Update** – *Chief John Teague, Committee Lead, and Anya Sekino, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Manager*

Anya Sekino gave the Juvenile Justice Plan Updates from the 36 counties and 9 tribes currently receiving Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funds. Every biennium a new plan is developed. The council may request updates or amendments to that plan. Anya requested updates to previously approved plans. If counties and tribes did not make any changes, she allowed the plans to stand as submitted and asked for quarterly reports including data on the juveniles served. If the program wanted to make an amendment, Anya asked them to submit amendments and the reasons for the requested change. The council was given the list of the nine jurisdictions that submitted amended plans. No vote was required by the council on the amended plans.

The Yamhill County Extended Detention vote was tabled until the December quarterly council meeting due to a lack of a quorum. The Yamhill County Juvenile Detention Facility serves male and female youth from ages 12-18. The program also serves OYA probation youth who are county residents. Youth referred to the Extended Detention Program (EDP) are youth who have previously served several sanctions in detention based on probation violations or new criminal adjudications. The purpose of the EDP is to provide an additional sanction to chronic juvenile offenders in lieu of a longer term placement of referral to the Oregon Youth Authority.

Chief John Teague shared his experience of the site visit at Yamhill. He was quite impressed at the structured schedule required of the youth, and their participation in regular education and community service projects in the community. Faye Fagel wanted to know how many Extended Detention Facilities have been approved by the YDC or are currently in operation. Anya will bring a complete list of approved and operating facilities to the next YDC quarterly meeting.

**Juvenile Crime Prevention 2011-2013 Program Evaluation Summary** – *Anna Malsch, Ph.D., NPC Research Associate*

Anna Malsch presented an overview and the highlights of the findings of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Program Evaluation Summary for 2011-2013 conducted by NPC Research. Based on the data collected by the JCP assessment tool, this helps counties and tribes determine the level of risk per youth entering their services, getting the youth appropriate services.

**Public Testimony:**

No public testimony was given.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.