Iowa Change Leadership Vision Council  
Older Youth Work Group  
September 8, 2021  
Attendees: Marlo Nash, Andrea Dencklau, Chris Koeplin, Chad Jensen, Kristie Oliver, Robert Smith, Katie Henry

Results:
- OYWG is updated on action commitments from August 23 meeting.
- A set of recommendations is agreed upon for the ARPA funds and “Dir. Garcia meeting” (9/24).
- Action steps are identified.
- Action commitments are documented.

Handout: Updated Vision Council OYWG Proposed Targets, Progress Measures and Strategies (DISCUSSION DRAFT)

Agenda

Check In (5 minutes)

How are you?  
*In 2-3 words, who or what is on your mind as we start today’s meeting? (Could be an individual’s name, a population, an event, a situation, etc.)*

Updates on Previous Action Commitments and Brief Context Setting for Today’s Focus (5-10 minutes)

Meeting with Jill Padgett (thanks, Kayla!)

- The group discussed Pre-Arrest Diversion Programs and how well they are working. Can the groups be replicated all over the state?
- Legislative Ask needs to be the same as the funding ask so everything goes hand in hand
- Temptation to be overly involved with kids to help them, but there are often unintended consequences
- Low Level misdemeanors are what is driving kids into the system in the first place
- Jill said she could probably do cost modeling for investing in the model
- Jill and Robert said that CBOs need resources and incentives to apply for programs
- Discussion on how Diversion programs fit in with Crisis Interventions and Mobile Interventions.
  - LEO need trained in Trauma Informed Care
  - Who runs Pre-Arrest Diversion Programs
    - DHS/IDP, DECAT
  - Tabled: Finding more information on Mobile Crisis/Crisis Intervention programs
- Anne Starr has done some work with this topic and biggest issue is funding

Meeting with Ana Clymer (thanks, Andreal!)

- Ana is ensuring there are evidenced base practices in child welfare for older youth.
• Ensuring documentation is inclusive for all languages
Meeting scheduled with Diane Foss (thanks, Robert!)
• Diane is the liaison in the Western Service area
  o She’s doing a mini deep dive of disproportional ity of native community members
    ▪ Robert plans to talk more in depth with her
Focus today: establishing recommendations to take to the meeting with Dir. Garcia et al on 9/24

Generating Recommendations (45 minutes)
• Proposed recommendation out of meeting with Jill Padgett
  o Jill propose Diversion Programs to Director Garcia
    ■ Group believes things need to be flushed out more
      ● How does Pre-Arrest Diversion fit into the IDPH/DHS merger?
      ● How would you expand Pre-Arrest Diversion Services to all statewide Service Areas/JCS DECAT funded contracts?
        ○ One is exploratory and one is direct and builds off of current actions
    ■ Jill reports that the program is working where it is implanted
• Potential recommendations/opportunities out of meeting with Ana Clymer
• Review of options for recommendations (see Updated Vision Council OYWG Proposed Targets, Progress Measures and Strategies Discussion Draft)
  o Bring in experts for family finding to look at policies
  o Evidenced Base Practices
    ■ Motivational Interviewing
      ● On the clearinghouse but very expensive
  o Peer Support
  o Cross over youth
  o Consider previous decisions made by the OYWG/Vision Council: EBPs for older youth (10 and up); housing (North Star Workgroup); financial stability (North Star Workgroup); need for more robust Family Finding
• Proposal(s) from OYWG members for recommendations to confirm or next steps

Wrap up and Check Out (5 minutes)
• Does the OYWG need to meet again before September 24?
  o Yes – Katie to send out doodle poll
• Check Out Question:
  o What action step(s) are you committed to? (This may be a recap of what you’ve already committed to do during this meeting. Or, an expression of support for the next steps the OYWG needs to take.)
    ▪ Kristie – speak with Anne Starr
    ▪ Andrea – touch base with Jill about where to house the Diversion program
    ▪ Chad & Andrea – Work on Framework for Pre-Arrest Diversion Program recommendations to bring everything together
    ▪ Robert – send Andrea information on Diversion Program from DHS
    ▪ Kristie – Send out list of EBPs
    ▪ Andrea – prioritize list of recommendations and send out to group
    ▪ Marlo – look into crossing over other groups
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