

**Older Youth Workgroup
May 26, 2022**

Attendees:

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Here is the [link](#) to the slide deck that was used on May 26th for the OYWG.

Meeting Purpose: Finalize planning the action steps to implement the 2022 priorities and identify additional partners.

Meeting Results

1. Complete the Results Action Plan Worksheet for its 2022 priority(ies)
2. Shape the plan document so it is in a useful, usable form
3. Determine the OYWG's contribution to the June Vision Council meeting
4. Make Action Commitments that advance the work

Meeting Materials

- [4-12-22 OYWG Notes](#)
- [DRAFT VC Action Plan May 2022 v4](#)
- [VC Worksheet with Notes](#)

Check-in Question: Review of Action Commitments from last meeting

Name	Action	How/With Who?	By When?
Kayla	Shaping up Activity 1.1.2 in support of next steps in Action Planning at next meeting	Marlo, if needed	By 3-4 days before the next OYWG meeting 4.12.22 Update: Kayla working on this 5.26-22 Update: Kayla shared her screen and walked through

There are other states that are doing similar work (office of youth and family or office of youth development) and Kayla pulled information from what she believes are stand out examples (New Jersey and Indiana).

Purpose: Office would be responsible for the planning, designing, and implementing and evaluating constituent engagement efforts on a system level.

This office could serve as a central hub for resources, technical assistance and state best practice related to family and youth engagement and youth development. It would empower consistent application of what we know about the brain directly to systems, policies, services, practices, and research. On going resources for state systems, organizations for family engagement and youth engagement.

It should work cooperatively with health and human services, juvenile court services, and Department of Human Rights. It could assist in the development and implementation of public and private organizations to advance positive youth development and youth engagement. Helps people do their strategic plans, programs, and initiatives. Maintains consistent feedback loops with parent, kin, youth, and young adults to guide system transformation. Creating and implementing opportunities for those that are most impacted to get involved. Be a hub to do presentations and forums. Helping other agencies and organizations scan and evaluate strengths and areas that need improvement related to family and youth engagement. A clearing house - housing all the up-to-date reliable information, research, and best practices as it relates to family and youth engagement. Empowering lives experiences into positions of power.

At the prior meetings we discussed Iowa has two children's cabinets.

- 1) Early Childhood Iowa: <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>
- 2) Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development: <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/criminal-juvenile-justice-planning/councils/iowa-collaboration-youth-development>
 - In Iowa Code, so there is a potential to tap into that and reimagine what it would look like. They meet 4 times a year. There are meetings, but no one is doing the work.
 - The right people are not at the table is one reason it is not successful.
 - They just did a 3-year plan that is focused on advancing authentic youth engagement and positive youth development within state agencies.
 - Steve Michael is the current Chair
 - Mid-Iowa Health Foundation provided some funding for the positive youth engagement work around the youth action squads and the youth justice council. Otherwise, there is no funding.
 - [Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana](#)

Director is motivated in creating a youth engagement position in her leadership cabinet. Kayla is trying to get her to think bigger like creating an entire unit and not just one position. Director Garcia is willing to explore it.

The pushback is that is this office going to be siloed. New Jersey intentionally created the office, so it is not siloed. People that work in the office work in other areas of the system.

Does Kayla have an opinion of the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development could be the vehicle if it was done differently?

- If it could be done how Indiana is doing it, then yes. There is one person dedicated to overseeing it.

Early Access Iowa: <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/early-access>

- Steering Committee: High ups in the state departments serve on the committee that meets 4 times a year. They don't do anything, but meet, but they have people that are designated consultants for each state department. Those people work together constantly to create a comprehensive early access program.
- Good example of cross-sector intentionality. Is there a way to do something like this? The idea that there are people in each state department working together to infuse the brain science and the principles of youth development constantly in the policies and practices would be fantastic.

Proposal: Have a conversation with Steve Michael to see what is possible. Do we want to add more people to the table of the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development to help drive action and change? Would Steve Michael be open to adopting the Results Based Accountability model as a way to get things moving?

- One of the goals in the three-year plan is to adopt Results Based Accountability. They have already agreed to it. They just need somebody to help them with it.
 - The Vision Council can help fast track results-based accountability model. The Vision Council can come along side in an aligned way.
 - Usually, groups are lacking goals and urgency. With results-based accountability there are goals set along with deadlines.

Proposal: Also meet with Doug Wolfe on the DHS side. There is an opportunity to challenge what this looks like beyond what it looks like now.

Proposal: We want to be prepared with examples and what our Vision looks like. We hear from others that they are doing this. The point is that there is so much opportunity to do something more comprehensive and make an intentional effort.

Question: Has there been any discussion with Medicaid?

- There is potential value. There is opportunity to engage proactively outside of emergency management. If there is a way to pull in Medicaid, we should.
- Good opportunity to weave this into a lot of system conversations that are occurring.
- What is the MCOs potential interest in an office of youth development.

New Action Commitments:

Name	Action	How/With Who?	By When?
Andrea & Kayla	Prepare for meetings w/ Steve & Doug - examples, VC plan, financing/funding options (Medicaid, MCOs?)	Share the next iteration of the draft concept with the OYWG before mtg with Steve	(ICYD meets June 29) Before meeting with Steve
Andrea & Kayla	Further refine the draft concept for Office of Youth Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tightening up goals of what it looks like. Being clear on what it is instead of what it might be. We need to be specific on how we are filling gaps because everyone likes to say, "they are doing that". • What is different and what is the purpose? 	""	
Josh (Kayla reaching Julie)	Meet with IN to learn about their journey (possibly invite them to an OYWG/VC mtg) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn some of the challenges and barriers that they had to overcome to make the shift, so we can prepare. What were the initial challenges? How did they get people to shift 	Julie from IN (Chris, Andrea) - RECORD THE MEETING ** Chris Daley from IN (Kristie)	Before mtg with Steve

	<p>their thought processes? How did they get organized around action?</p>		
Kayla	<p>Meet with Steve Michael at DHR (lead for ICYD at DHR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Steve - what does he see as the direction? Is this something that he would be open to? • Steve may turn it back on how we are going to make this happen. 	<p>Kayla - to set up mtg & provide Steve with background/materials</p> <p>Kristie, Andrea, Chris, Josh to be in mtg</p>	<p>By June 21</p>
	<p>Meet with Doug Wolfe (DHS rep to ICYD) + IDPH rep & Workforce rep & JCS</p>		<p>HOLD until after mtg w/Steve</p>

This might institutionalize part of the Vision Council’s work. The meetings in the Vision Council space are to review Action Commitments and create new ones.

Kayla is in the project manger seat.

1. Meet with Indiana
2. Prep (updated document)
 - We need to watch for overreach or anything that seems to be redundant.
3. Meet with Steve

Next Steps: The group will be talking about what to take to the Vision Council in the June meeting.

- Are there pieces that we want to present that will shift or influence any decisions that will be made over the next 6 months.
 - i. Examples: Listening Sessions around AMP.

Kristie and Josh had to leave the meeting.