

Juvenile Justice Symposium “Stopping the Cycle” Workgroup

Meeting Notes

April 12, 2010

12:30 – 3:30 pm

Oregon Youth Authority – Willamette Conference Room

Members attending in person:

Janet Arenz, Oregon Alliance of Children’s Programs, Sponsor

Mark Harris, Lane Community College

Elizabeth Levi, Metropolitan Public Defender

Members unable to attend:

Nancy Allen, DHS Addictions and Mental Health Division

Shari Bandes, Youth and Family Mediation Program

Christine Bennett, Oregon Youth Authority

Patrick Gundy, The LOFT

Tracie Hightower, Oregon Youth Authority

Tara Lawrence, Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance

Cherisse Loop, Oregon Department of Education

Mark McKechnie, Juvenile Rights Project, Inc.

Pam Patton, Coalition of Advocates for Equal Access for Girls

C.J. Reid, DHS Addictions and Mental Health Division

Diane Rose, Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center

Michael Runyon, Oregon Youth Authority

Anya Sekino, Oregon Commission on Children and Families

Shannon Wight, Partnership for Safety and Justice

Others in attendance:

Helen Hoang, OYA Public Policy & Government Relations Manager

Lynn Oliver, OYA Facilitator

Items of Consideration Specific to the “Stopping the Cycle” Workgroup:

- Cross-overs, from dependency to delinquency and adult corrections
- Tweeners (18-24yrs of age) and the transition of alcohol and drug, mental health, and housing services
- Low risk/high need 18-24 yr olds in juvenile justice system
- Education stability
- Evidence-based programs (SB267)
- Prevention
- Expulsion practices resulting in pathway to gang/delinquency involvement

Items of Consideration to be Incorporated into All Workgroups:

- Data-driven
- County/state roles
- Gender issues
- Victims
- Disproportionality/over-representation of minority youth in the system
- Gangs
- Brain development/research (impulse control, cause-effect)

MEETING AGENDA

1. Understand Background and Directive from Steering Committee
2. Come Together as a Group
3. Clarify the Deliverables
4. Identify What is Needed to Accomplish Goals
5. Outline Process to Achieve the Goal
6. Clarify Issue Statement
7. Defining Areas of Agreement/Non-Agreement
8. Closing and Next Steps

Workgroup Goals for Symposium

A presentation that provides:

1. Data
2. A story (the faces of youth)
3. Back ground
4. Laws
5. Concrete ideas/tools
6. What's working/what's not (the current situation)

“Take-aways” for the participants at the symposium

1. Participants have the enough information to take back and implement change
2. Connectivity is established; this is no just about OYA
3. Identified system changes, both at the holistic and individual levels
4. Action plans to make change are developed

ISSUE FOCUS:

1. Stopping the Cycle: **Intergenerational**
 - a. Best Practices
 - b. Data
 - c. What is working in your area
 - d. Which youth are not responding to current approaches
 - e. Ideas and tools to try

2. Stopping the Cycle: **Educational/Vocational**
 - a. Best Practices
 - b. Data
 - c. What is working in your area
 - d. Which youth are not responding to current approaches
 - e. Ideas and tools to try

419C.001 Purposes of juvenile justice system in delinquency cases; audits. (1) The Legislative Assembly declares that in delinquency cases, the purposes of the Oregon juvenile justice system from apprehension forward are to protect the public and reduce juvenile delinquency and to provide fair and impartial procedures for the initiation, adjudication and disposition of allegations of delinquent conduct. The system is founded on the principles of personal responsibility, accountability and reformation within the context of public safety and restitution to the victims and to the community. The system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions, reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior. The system shall be open and accountable to the people of Oregon and their elected representatives.

(2)(a) Programs, policies and services shall be regularly and independently audited. Audits performed under this subsection must include program audits and performance audits, as defined in ORS 297.070. Programs, policies and services that were established before, on or after June 30, 1995, are subject to audit under this subsection.

(b) The programs, policies and services of county juvenile departments shall be subject to regular review pursuant to this subsection.

(c) The Secretary of State shall perform an audit that includes the performance of county juvenile departments.

(d) ORS 297.405 to 297.555 do not apply to an audit conducted pursuant to this subsection.

(e) Notwithstanding ORS 297.040, the costs and expenses of audits conducted under this subsection may not be charged to the county juvenile departments. The Secretary of State shall pay the costs and expenses of audits conducted under this subsection from funds available to the Secretary of State.

(3) To facilitate an audit under subsection (2) of this section:

(a) The Secretary of State may subpoena witnesses, require the production of books and papers and the rendering of reports in such manner and form as the Secretary of State requires and may do all things necessary to secure a full and thorough investigation.

(b) The custodian of information that the Secretary of State deems necessary to conduct the audit shall provide the Secretary of State or the auditor selected by the Secretary of State access to the information notwithstanding the fact that the information may be made confidential or access to the information restricted by ORS 419A.255 or another law. Information obtained by the Secretary of State or the auditor pursuant to this paragraph and made confidential by ORS 419A.255 or another law may be used by the Secretary of State, the officers and employees of the Secretary of State or the auditor solely for the purpose of performing the audit required by subsection (2) of this section and may not be used or disclosed for any other purpose. [1995 c.422 §1a; 2001 c.904 §16; 2007 c.688 §1]