

Benton County Positive Youth Development Coalition

February 11, 2016

10:00-11:30am

Sunset Building- Large Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kevin Grant (N2N), Ryan McCauley (BGCC), Alexandra Barone (SRF), Terrie Graham (OMC), Paul Smith (SRF), Sarah Woosley (PYAC), Andrea Myhre (JSYS), Coco Anderson (ESD), and Terry Thompson (BCJD).

- The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. and minutes were approved from January 14th 2016.

-YDC Report –

Paul Smith reported that Teen Summit was held yesterday and they thought it had been a success. Paul shared that they had over 320 youth present and that's the highest number of youth attending since 1990. Alex shared that more than 10 kids came in and registered the day of the event and only 5 or 6 no shows, which is significantly less than last year. Paul reported that the additional food after the summit was donated to Jackson St. Youth shelter. Paul stated that they haven't had a chance to review the comments yet from the youth but from what they've heard first hand, it's been positive feedback. Paul also noted that they've had more tours and workshops offered this year than in the past. Paul and Alex both described the Independent Living Skills workshops, 3 in total and how they seemed to be a huge success and they were able to give away meaningful prizes to youth that could benefit from those supports. They already have the date for next year and it will be held again in February however they are looking at needing to cap the number of attendees due to the location for next year. Paul also shared that through this grant they are offering some Yoga Calm and Mindfulness groups in the community. In addition, they will have further childcare trainings and also opportunities to employ child care workers.

- YST Advisory update-

Coco Anderson shared that YST has been receiving a lot of referrals lately however that has made it challenging to find time to discuss the business aspect of the team. CoCo also explained that they are continuing to look for a permanent location for the team meetings since OMC is not available the 2nd Monday of the month. CoCo expressed that she was hoping the Sunset Building may be an option and was hoping to coordinate with Terry Thompson regarding scheduling and making a reservation. Terry Thompson responded that they would look into the availability of the space for both the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month and he would let CoCo know.

Committee Updates:

-Teen Summit – Terry Thompson mentioned that when they completed their panel at Teen Summit, they realized they didn't have enough evaluation forms at the end. Alex noted that they would make extras for next year and perhaps have some that were blank/fill-in versions of the form in case they ran

out or were misplaced again. Kevin shared that he thought the Teen summit went really smooth. Kevin congratulated the group and their success in completing the summit and how well it seemed to proceed. In addition, Alex shared that they seemed to have youth representation from every school in the area.

- **One Circle** – Alex reported that she’s facilitating a group in Philomath and there have been a large number of youth continually signing up. Terry mentioned that he has some staff that may be interested in taking the training.

- **Training** – Paul reported that the upcoming trainings for Girls Circle and Council will be held, the 15th and 16th of August for the initial Girls Circle training and then the 17th and 18th of August for The Council initial training. It will be located in downtown Corvallis. Paul also noted that they were looking at how to spread out their scholarship fund so that they could apply it to more trainers. The current cost of registration is \$350 and they were thinking of splitting the scholarship in half to pay a portion for each person rather than exclude some people who couldn’t afford the training.

- **Communications** – No updates were reported at this time.

- **Membership Approval** – No new approvals were reported at this time.

Sarah mentioned that she was concerned the committees were not meeting regularly. Sarah mentioned emailing with Bettina and Kendra regarding how to coordinate the subcommittees.

Paul expressed that the Teen Summit and One Circle sub committees have either met regularly in person or have been contact on a fairly regular basis to coordinate.

Sarah asked the each member sign up for a subcommittee that they’re interested in or just to re-state that they would like to join that committee. Sarah reviewed the current list of the committees and their roles. Sarah passed around a sign-up sheet. Sarah stated that she would like each subcommittee to meet before the next PYD meeting; dates and locations were identified:

Trainings committee: Meeting February 26th at 10am, located at the Imagine Coffee Shop. Identified members were Paul, Kevin and Ryan.

Communications committee: Meeting February 25th at 10am, located at the Imagine Coffee Shop. Identified members were CoCo, Terry, Sarah, and Alex

One Circle Committee: Schedule TBA. Identified members were Alex, Paul and potentially Kevin Shultz

Teen Summit Committee: Follow up meeting with JSYS is scheduled with Alex and then the committee will plan to meet together afterwards.

Agency Sharing

-**SRF-Paul-Alex**- They are having their “Healthy Sprouts” program in Philomath, starting in the spring and childcare is going to be provided. They are also having several upcoming classes in a parenting workshop series and are partnering with OMC to provide some of the presenters and topics for the classes. A “Nurturing Parent” class is also upcoming and being offered in Spanish.

-ESD-CoCo- Shared that she continues to facilitate the YST on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month and is also serving on the Youth Mental Health Coalition.

-BGCC- Ryan- Shared that they are moving forward with the Teen Center and the final plans have been submitted to be approved. Ryan explained that it's been a long process due to some of the additional challenges such as the Traffic Study and gaining the neighborhood support. Ryan described that the plan for the Teen Center is going to be a 20,000 addition for the youth, which will provide a teen only youth services center, full gym, coffee shop, and medical and mental health services. Ryan also mentioned that they've received a grant from IHN/CCO for additional health services and are hiring a part time position to meet that need. In addition, Ryan mentioned that they've also hired Rose Bricker, the new High School Program manager. She can be reached at rbricker@bcgcorvallis.org. Also, they have Youth of the Year program which gives youth a chance to be a spokesperson for BGC and they also receive scholarships, new computers and a shopping fund as an award. Ryan shared that the partnership with OMC is going well and they are having a family workshop every Monday night for BGC families, free of cost and childcare is provided with a skills trainer to also meet the children's needs. They continue to have an OMC therapist and Skills trainer onsite every day at the club and have noticed that this has been helpful in managing some of the behaviors of the youth. Ryan also expressed that the number of homeless youth being served at BGCC has increased and noted that they regularly have a bus full of youth being transported from COI. Ryan asked that if any other members have any services or supports for those families and how to service them, he would be open to collaborating. Ryan shared that they also started a new partnership with Dial A Bus and are now able to take groups of youth on outings and field trips. In addition, they are able to bring up youth from Philomath to attend the club.

-PYAC-Sarah- Mentioned that in their Club House Program, they are having an increase in new youth and their numbers are up.

-OMC – Terrie – BGCC partnership is going well and OMC is continuing to provide mental health services as Ryan had explained in his agency update.

-BCJD-Terry- Shared that they presented at the Teen Summit panel and they had a lot of youth participation.

-JSYS – Andrea – They have received pilot funding to provide crisis counseling in-house at their shelter. The counselor will be onsite to deal with immediate concerns as they arise for the youth.

-N2N-Kevin- Shared that they are working with a youth in coordinate with Terry Thompson at BCJD to help re-integrate the youth into the community. Kevin explained that they are working to help the youth understand his impact his actions have had on the community and then how to help him move forward with his life.