



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Policy Board

August 1, 2022

MINUTES

Appointed Members Present: Bryan Davis, Justin Montgomery, Susan Vileta, Ann Santos, Jon Green, Blake Rupe, Danielle Benford, Meghann Foster

Ex-Officio Members Present: Lisa Williams (ICCSA), Emily Voss (JCAO), Brad Barker (City of IC) Erin Altheide (JCS)

Guests Present: Michael Shaw (RVAP), Frederick Newell (Dream City), Shevonna Norris (Dream City), Rachel Rockwell (NCJC), Tessa Musa (NCJC), RaQuishia Harrington (NCJC), Kylie Buddin (UAY), Addie Martinez (BBBS), Laura (ISU Extension), Blake Termini (JCS)

Staff Present: Laurie Nash

Welcome and Introductions

Approve previous minutes: Motion by Jon G, second by Emily V. Approved unanimously.

Program Presentations

Dream City, Frederick Newell. Work primarily with middle school and high school age youth, Mon-Thurs. Provided workshops around performing arts and youth leadership. Continued to offer Brothers Achieving Manhood (BAM). Offered drop-in that included a game room and fitness activities. Summer programming focused on specific areas of dance, sports, music. Youth surveys indicated that they loved specialized workshops. None of youth who attended consistently received a juvenile justice report. Challenges included the pandemic and staff turnover.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Addie Martinez and Laura Webb. Provided two after school clubs; Knights of Lightning at North Central Junior High and Spartan Life at Solon Middle School. Knights of Lightning served 16 youth with 4 consistent mentors. Spartan Life served 13 youth with 2 consistent mentors; maintaining consistent mentors was a challenge. Group activities included snack and socialization, team building, and hands-on projects. Projects focused on STEM, healthy living, visual arts, and citizenship. Youth feedback indicated strong social-emotional support from the program.

United Action for Youth, Kylie Buddin. LGBTQ programming in Clear Creek schools with 100 youth in junior/senior high school. In ICCSD at Tate High School. Pride Group at the youth center had about 30 group per week. Just over 100 youth attended PrideCon; the first time this has been able to occur in person in 2 years. Activities included film screenings at FilmScene; One Iowa event, and artist installation. Art programming experienced a challenge because they weren't able to be in school buildings, but resulted in partnerships with Park & Rec Departments. Coralville Central and Kirkwood students were served at Coralville Rec Center, Grant Wood at Eastdale, and South East Junior High at Mercer Park. Observed and had activities related to Black History 365. Youth & Family Advocacy had a lot of youth participation at Northwest Junior High; increased referrals for youth victims. Engaging parents was a challenge.

RVAP, Michael Shaw. Programming was in partnership with UAY presenting in ICCSD 8th and 9th grade Personal Development classes regarding healthy relationships, consent, peer support, and community resources. Facilitated 104 sessions. Challenges included coordinating schedules and access to school buildings (virtual vs in-person programming). Staffing transitions also a challenge. Successes included shifting programming to engage classroom teachers and district staff to customize sessions. Focusing on relationship building and connection/peer support. Students reflected that some of the messages they received during programming led to support of a peer who was experiencing social challenges and isolation. In coming year are planning to build on those successes.

Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Tessa Musa. Tessa started with NCJC in August and started with the G! World Program. Programming got off to a slow start, but they focused on connecting girls, connecting parents, and connecting the community. Discussion included racial issues in the community, girls' futures after high school and their aspirations. Hosted "My Beautiful Self" workshop focused on overcoming trauma. After school programming at West High, Northwest Jr High, South East Jr High, and City High. Participants seemed hesitant to share during group time but wanted to connect individually with staff. Offered office hours in both high schools during school time. Added G! Support programming to Tate High. Overall served 83 girls. Challenges included limited staff, connecting with parents. "Our Beautiful Selves" event included girls and their mothers/grandmothers, with the intent to strengthen parent/daughter connections. Many of the girls are from Sudan and programming addressed cultural issues. The coming year will also focus on strengthening peer and familial relationships. Tessa has seen how important this program is to the youth and their families. No summer G! World, but many girls participated in the YES (Youth Empowered to Serve) summer employment program. The YELL (Youth Engaged in Leadership and Learning) Program served 32 youth in grades 5 & 6, with a consistent 26 participants at St. Andrews Church. Had a shoebox project to send items to Guatemala. Many of the youth are from Sudan and could personally relate to some of the issues. Created their own businesses and business plans with the goal of earning funds to go to Fun City. Youth were very motivated and worked outside of group time to achieve their goal. Learned life skill included Café YELL (cooking) and swim lessons in partnership with IC Parks & Rec. Challenges included limited staff.

FY22 final program reports are in the Google Drive. Can request those reports be sent via email. Laurie reviewed the summary document of all programs, also in the Google Drive. Highlighted available composite demographic data, such as serving a higher number of girls this year.

Discuss CJJY Pre-Charge Diversion Grant. Our grant application was successful and we are negotiating the contract now. This grant will expand juvenile pre-charge diversion opportunities to all first-offense simple misdemeanors, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The goals are to decrease the number of youth involved in the juvenile justice system and to decrease the disproportionality of youth of color in the juvenile justice system. Allegations will be assigned to one of three categories: Aggression, Larceny, and Substance. Youth will have an opportunity to participate in diversion in each category. We will work with existing pre-charge diversion programs at United Action for Youth (shoplifting) and Linn County Detention (disorderly conduct) and identify a community partner to provide expanded direct diversion programming, parent programming, and overall diversion coordination. Funding is \$50,000 for 7/1/22-6/30/23, up to \$50,000 for 7/1/23-6/30/24, and up to \$25,000 for 7/1/24-12/31/24. We will work on sustainability planning. Erin A. pointed out that juvenile court services uses a risk evaluation tool that is points-based and assigns more points for youth entering at a younger age. This often affects youth of color disproportionately. This initiative has enjoyed strong support from law enforcement, juvenile court, county attorney's office, and others. There are still some program details that need to be worked out and the subcommittee will continue to meet and develop specific criteria, etc. Any Board members who want to be part of the subcommittee please contact Laurie.

Announcements.

Meeting Schedule. We meet on the first Monday of each quarter and program reports are due on the 20th of the month prior. This sometimes means that we don't have all of our report questions answered before our meeting. Laurie suggests we might consider meeting later in the month to have our meeting in order to address this issue. Members are generally in support of this. Laurie will poll the Board to see if there is another date when everyone can meet.

Membership. Laurie will be contacting members whose terms are expiring to see if they are interested in serving another term. Encourage all members to identify individuals who may be interested in being on the Board. We definitely have an opening for a business/parent/community member. The application can be found on the Johnson County Board and Commissions page.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022 3:30-5:00

Adjourn at 4:55 pm

Questions about these meetings can be directed to Laurie Nash at 356-6090 or lnash@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HZRDtHgvUSZF0d7IE15U4s4aUss2dxtk?usp=sharing>

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