

Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council

Minutes of Meeting

**Jessie Parker Building, Starkweather Room
510 E. 12th Street
Des Moines, Iowa
Tuesday, November 23, 2010**

Members Present: Cyndy Erickson for Kevin Fangman, Iowa Department of Education
Diane Oak Goode for Elisabeth Buck, Iowa Workforce Development
Steve Michael for Preston Daniels, Iowa Department of Human Rights
Richard Moore, Director, Iowa Child Advocacy Board
Keli Tallman for Chuck Morris, ISU Extension, 4-H Youth Development

Absent: Preston Daniels, Director, Iowa Department of Human Rights
Adam Lounsbury, Iowa commission on Volunteer Services
Wendy Rickman, Iowa Department of Human Services
Becky Swift, Governor's Office on Drug Control policy
Shanell Wagler, Director, Office of Empowerment

Staff: Ellie Moore, AmeriCorps Member, Youth Development Project Coordinator
Allan Tritch, AmeriCorps Member, SIYAC Coordinator

Ready by 21 Results Team

Members Present: Carol Behrer, Youth Policy Institute of Iowa
Steve Havemann, I-JAG
Ruth Allison, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)
Jason Allen, Iowa Workforce Development

I. Introductions and Review of Agenda and Objectives

In the absence of Preston Daniels, Steve Michael called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Introductions were made at this time. A quorum was not present.

II. Approval of the Minutes from October 13, 2010 ICYD meeting

Because a quorum was not present, the Minutes were not approved.



III. SIYAC Update

Allan Tritch, SIYAC Coordinator, reported that SIYAC's sub-committees have been seated—Substance Abuse, Life After Graduation, Teen Nutrition, Youth Outreach, and Legislative Affairs. Action plans are being developed and will be discussed during their next Council meeting scheduled for December 2nd.

The Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee has begun contacting legislators to introduce them to SIYAC. The Council will soon begin drafting policy recommendations which will be shared with ICYD and provided to the general assembly and the Governor's office.

Assignments have been made pairing one SIYAC member to one state representative and senator for introduction and maintain contact during the legislative session. SIYAC is also in the process of selecting two legislators to serve as 'champions' for the group. Senator Amanda Ragan has agreed to serve as one of the champions.

Tritch asked the Council to include SIYAC information in publications shared with legislators and the Governor. Cyndy Erickson suggested including an insert in the "Keeping the Connections" brochure.

IV. Report from Ready by 21 Results Team Recommendations for Action by ICYD Council

Meetings have been held regarding various state agency projects and initiatives related to ICYD's strategic priorities. Erickson reviewed a matrix of priority areas and agency involvement. She asked members to review the matrix, note deficient areas, and identify partnership opportunities.

Discussion included:

- More resources are needed for parent engagement strategies and connections.
- Agencies that did not respond will be re-contacted.
- The matrix would develop into a resource directory. Consideration will be given to content, audience, and community needs, and also demonstrate how agencies/programs collaborate to keep kids in school.
- The resource manual will satisfy grant requirements and may be included in the ICYD annual report.
- There may be other agencies that are not listed, but have initiatives that should be included (I-JAG, disabilities).

Erickson reported there is a remaining balance of \$400,000 from the safe/drug free schools grant that must be expended by September 30, 2011. The grant requires the development of a resource manual. She proposed a two-day learning supports workshop in January for the school districts that participated in the ICYD visits, plus several additional communities, totaling 16 districts in all.

Erickson emphasized that the focus would be to engage elementary and middle school youth, parents, and their communities. Data would be provided for the indicators listed for each community. Teams would review the data and map community resources. State agency representatives would be on hand to review available assistance and programs. Funding is available for some implementation costs and attendance reimbursements. At the end of the workshop, each team will have developed a plan and budget.

V. Develop “Keep the Connections” Strategy

Steve Michael reviewed a brochure developed in conjunction with the Forum for Youth Investment (FYI). The brochure contains information about ICYD, its vision, and purpose and includes revisions agreed to during the last meeting. The brochure would be used as a marketing tool to inform legislators and the public about the collaboration of state agencies to positively affect youth development in Iowa.

A discussion was held regarding strategies to inform Governor-elect Branstad and approach his transition team about ICYD and SIYAC. The two groups would like the Governor-elect to be aware of the statute that instituted the organizations and offer assistance regarding youth-serving issues to the new administration.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business that came before the Council.

VII. Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 8, 2010 from 2:00pm–4:00pm

The Council agreed that holding a meeting in two weeks would not be the best use of time. Rather, a Results Team meeting would be held to work on the annual report and the resource matrix. Michael noted that efforts would be directed towards the January workshop, the annual report, the resource matrix, and ‘Keeping the Connections’ with Governor-elect Branstad’s transition team. Drafts of the annual report would be emailed to ICYD members for approval.

Michael reminded the group that beginning in January, meetings would be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be held January 26, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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