

Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD) Council Meeting
Jessie Parker Building,
510 E. 12th Street, Starkweather Room
Des Moines, Iowa
January 13, 2010

Members Present: Preston Daniels, Chair, Department of Human Rights (DHR)
Julie Hibben, Department of Public Health (DPH) (for Kathy Stone)
Richard Moore, Director, Child Advocacy Board
Becky Swift, ODCP (for Gary Kendall)
Cyndy Erickson, DE (for Judy Jeffrey)
Wendy Rickman, DHS (for Charles Krogmeier)
Diane Oak Goode, IWD (for Elisabeth Buck)
Adam Lounsbury, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services (ICVS)

Members Absent: Chuck Morris, ISU Extension, 4-H Youth Development
Shanell Wagler, Director Office of Empowerment

Steering Committee Members/State Agency Workgroup Members Present:

Steve Michael, DHR, CJJP
Paul Stageberg, Administrator, DHR/CJJP
Carol Behrer, Youth Policy Institute of Iowa
Annelise Plooster, DHR, SIYAC Coordinator
Jeff Grimes, AMOS
Amy Daniels, DHR, Youth Development Project Coordinator
Mike Williams, DHR/PWD
Jason Allen, IWD
Eric Sage, CJJP
Carol Hinton, DPH

Minutes were taken by Julie Rinker-Lind, Recording Secretary.

I. Introductions and Review of Agenda and Objectives

Preston Daniels called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review and finalize the annual report, establish the meeting calendar, and establish staff support to complete the cross agency tasks as assigned by the ICYD Council.

Daniels announced a quorum was present. There were no changes to the agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2009 ICYD meeting

Cyndy Erickson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane Oak Goode. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Review Draft of Annual Report

Daniels commended the committee that drafted the report: Cyndy Erickson, Steve Michael, Carol Behrer, Jeff Grimes, Ruth Allison, and Amy Daniels. He stressed the importance of crossing agency lines while working toward the unified goal of reducing the number of drop-outs and increasing graduation rates for Iowa students.

a. Modify, edit the draft

Steve Michael reviewed the sections of the report—Introduction, Prioritized Issues, and Recommended Actions. He noted that comments received would be incorporated into the final document. He reminded the Council that each agency has a role to ensure the successful graduation of Iowa youth and noted the importance of sending that message to lawmakers. The next step is to create action plans to accomplish the recommendations.

A discussion ensued regarding the best approach towards addressing graduation rates. The following topics were discussed as possible next steps necessary to accomplish the recommended actions:

- As state agencies focus on restructuring, the ability to improve upon processes already in place will take precedence over the addition of more duties. Our efforts may be more successful by reviewing current initiatives and dovetailing onto them.
- Identify underperforming communities and coordinate services.
- Prevention and treatment for substance abuse.
- Teen nutrition.
- Determine anticipated labor market trends and forecast future occupations ten to fifteen years out—employment opportunities, earnings, educational requirements, an emphasis on the importance of staying in school to attain minimum educational requirements, utilizing existing programs like Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates (IJAG).
- Data collection/data consistency—a coordinated approach by the agencies involved in this Council, could include a focus on specific neighborhoods or schools.
- Conduct a pilot program.
- Availability of funding to seed a project.
- Urban v. rural issues.
- Integrating current programming.

b. Develop process to finalize and submit by February 1st

There was consensus to include a more thorough description of the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC), emphasizing that SIYAC is comprised of high school students.

Becky Swift moved to accept the report with the recommended SIYAC inclusions, seconded by Adam Lounsbury. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Steve Michael noted that a final report would be submitted to the Council prior to submission to Governor Culver and the Legislature.

IV. Meeting Schedule and Staff Support to continue the work

a. Next Meeting(s)

There was consensus that future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month. The group agreed to the following meeting dates in 2010:

February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, and July 14

The location would be announced later.

b. Re-Establish Workgroup

Steve Michael discussed ways to continue the group's work between meetings. He would like a commitment from the different agencies for staff support. It was agreed that the next meeting would include a discussion to determine a plan for future council/committee structure.

V. Other Business

No other business came before the Council. The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.