



Change Team Meeting Minutes: July 25, 2013

Location: Denney Juvenile Justice Center, Sullivan Training Room

Agenda:

3:00-4:30 **Presentation:** Deborah Feldman, Co-Director – Research, of the Washington Student Oral Histories Project.

4:30 – 4:40 **Announcements:** Director, Fellows and Change Team.

4:40 – 4:55 **Committee reports** to the Change Team at large.

4:55 – Inspirational quote /reading

5:00p Meeting adjourned

Change Team met at Denney Juvenile Justice Center this month. Kathy opened the meeting with a welcome to new faces and a brief introduction of our presenter, Deborah Feldman, Co-Director of Research of the Washington Student Oral Histories Project.

Presentation by Deborah Feldman, Co-Director of Research of the Washington Student Oral Histories Project: Following Kathy's introduction, Deborah provided an overview of main study findings (including characteristics of interviewees, youth attitudes towards school, how youth get started on a pathway of disengagement, and tipping points that lead to dropping out). Deborah also discussed potential implications and suggestions for school districts, including: Schools should train teachers to look for warning signs; resources should be made available to students and staff; teachers should encourage *effort* rather than *ability*; special resources should be available to newly transferred students; administrators should pay attention to the circumstances surrounding each student's delinquency (i.e., were they being bullied?).

Discussion of Presentation: Deborah's presentation inspired a lengthy discussion among Change Team members regarding the various factors that lead students to drop out of school, and the responsibilities of schools, parents, and community members (all together) in making sure that students do not fall through the cracks. Change Team members shared personal experiences with public school districts from their perspectives as teachers, administrators, parents, and students. The result was a productive group discussion about keeping youth engaged in school.

Committee Work Time: Due to the length of the discussion following Deborah's presentation, committee work time was skipped and announcements immediately followed the discussion at 4:30pm.

Announcements:

Bob Wicks, Treatment Fellow: Announced that there will be a Recovery Event at Camp Patterson at Silver Lake on Saturday, **September 7th**. The event will include entertainment and speakers.

Michelle Rastovich, Community Fellow: Announced that there will be a Reclaiming Futures Community Event held on **October 11th**. The event will include workshops and speakers.

Joe Parenteau, Drug Court JPC/Change Team member: Drug Court Graduation will be Friday, July 26, 2013 at 5pm in the Sullivan Training Room.

Project Director Kathy Haggerty:

- Thanked Guy Cadwallader, Sr., for joining the Change Team and announced that Guy Cadwallader, Jr. will be in Washington, D.C. during the first week of August for a conference. He was chosen amongst many teens around the country who are in recovery for the 1st Youth Leadership Conference for “Faces and Voices of Recovery” organization.
- Judge Weiss and Kathy met with Diana Hefley, Everett Herald reporter, who hopes to write a story about Reclaiming Futures in the next two weeks to update the community on our projects and progress.
- Hazel Cameron, Director of the 4C Coalition in King County is being hired as a consultant to ‘stand up’ our juvenile justice mentoring program! An all-day mentor training on a Saturday in October will take place, and by December, our Mentor Program should be fully operational.
- The Fellows are working on the Reclaiming Futures governing structure (our Operational Guidelines) in order to formalize our processes and sustain RF in our community.
- **KUDOS:** To the Justice Committee! Implementation of the GAIN-SS was launched on July 8th in Denney Juvenile Justice Center’s Detention Intake. Approximately a dozen Intake Officers as well as Supervisors and others were trained. We are moving ever closer to a universal screening tool for CD/MH at whichever point of entry a youth comes into Denney.

Committee Reports: There was not time for each Committee to meet and work on projects, but at 4:40pm, each Committee reported to the group regarding progress since the last meeting.

1) Education/Employment: (Michele Rastovich reporting in)

- a. Mike Irons and his team have shared a report on justice-involved kids’ school and employment data. This will be shared and discussed at next Change Team.
- b. The “Resource Fair” concept will not work for Denney, so the Committee is going in a different direction based on Justice Center staff’s feedback. More to come.

2) Treatment: (Bob Wicks reporting in)

- a. The Committee is working on compiling a resource for parents, which will include a list of providers and definitions of terms and acronyms. A draft is in progress.

3) Mentoring/Pro-Social: (Dave Cudworth reporting in, in Steve Strickler’s absence)

- a. The initial flyer (mentor brochure) has been drafted, but they will want to consult with Hazel prior to circulation.
- b. The newspaper article about Reclaiming Futures should really help bring mentors forward.
- c. Kathy wants an increased focus on pro-social events for kids and their families.
- d. A Drug Court softball game is being held on August 9th.
- e. **Judge Weiss:** PAIR will do a photography class next. Mentors will take the class alongside the kids.
- f. **Morgan Dotson:** Working with 3231 Creative to get access to a stage and a screenplay in order to put on a performance.

4) Juvenile Justice: (Jamie Reed, aka “Ronald Reagan”, “Tear Down that Wall!” reporting in)

- a. Community Transition Form: Will help kids come up with goals, plans, skills, and contacts to take with them as they transition from Drug Court/Probation. Drug Court has implemented; Probation officers and the Supervision Unit are ready to implement.
- b. Youth Interest Forms are being compiled. This will help the Mentor Program and Mentor Committee in designing activities to offer to our kids.
- c. Still working on breaking down the “Berlin Wall” between probation and detention. Chipping away!

Next Change Team Meeting is scheduled for **August 22nd**. Kathy, Judge Weiss, Mike Irons and Steve Strickler will not be able to attend due to joint RF – Drug Court Training that week, but the group did not want to take a break for the month.

Committees will meet in the Sullivan Room at Denney Juvenile Justice Center and work amongst themselves to continue the momentum and project work! Go TEAM!

Readings and quotes for the day: Morgan Dotson shared a poem that he authored himself, entitled “The Conditioning Grounds.”

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.

NEXT CHANGE TEAM MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 2013 3-5PM. MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE DENNEY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER!!!! 2810 10TH St, Sullivan Training Room.