

## Youth Justice Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023

**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

**Location:** Hybrid (In person and Zoom)

### Notes

#### **YGVI (Youth Group Violence Intervention) PowerPoint Presentation:**

- YGVI is a partnership with the city of Minneapolis and Hennepin County DOCCR JP (Department of Corrections and Community Rehabilitation Juvenile Probation).
- YGVI started within the city of Minneapolis utilizing neighborhood safety approaches to prevent violence.
- GVI (Group Violence Intervention) started in 2017, which focuses on adults.
- YGVI focuses on youth providing developmentally appropriate, youth relevant support.
- A custom notification process is used to deliver the YGVI services, which is a wrap-around service. It's also voluntary for youth and their families to participate in.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> is when YGVI started.
- There are currently 15 youth participating in the YGVI services.
- YGVI keeps youth at home and services are provided to the entire family, as well as the victims.
- Questions and Answers:
  - What is the evaluation process?
    - YGVI started April 11<sup>th</sup> so at this time the evaluation process is still ongoing.
    - YGVI is currently only available to youth on supervised probation.
  - What are the barriers to make YGVI accessible to young people that are not on supervised probation?
    - Capacity to serve more youth because this is new a service.
    - Using only the county pathway to YGVI services. Hoping to expand additional pathways such as schools. The strategy of YGVI is that it's not a program, there is no end date, so services will be provided until the youth and/or the family ends the services.
  - What can community organizations do to support YGVI?

- Networking and connecting with the city and county regarding programs/services that are provided within community organizations. Community organizations can reach out to Jose Phipps at the city.
- What are the resources provided?
  - Mentors, community partners, housing, job training, education, cognitive and individual programming, Family Functional Therapy (FFT), and Multi Systemic Therapy (MST).
- Where local youth involved in assessing the national GVI model and developing the YGVI model?
  - No, YGVI was developed with the knowledge and experience from people that work with youth in various capacities.

**Systems of Care Behavioral Health PowerPoint Presentation:**

- Human Service of Hennepin County made changes to their children’s mental health approach.
- Problems identified with the current services included the following:
  - Youth staying in residential treatment programs for longer periods of time.
  - An increase in sending youth to out of state residential programs.
  - Repeated residential treatment for many youth.
  - BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) were referred the more often.
- In 2019 the Department of Human Services released a report, “*Children’s Mental Health Intensive Services Study*,” provided recommendations.
- Hennepin County also did their own analysis of youth in residential treatment. From the two reports changes were made to improve services offered to youth receiving mental health services.
- Many changes also came from input from shared input from parents and youth, which both stated there is a lack of community services, navigating the system, and lack of culturally specific providers.
- SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration) developed a framework of system of care.
- Part of the system of care definition is that it is youth and parent driven.
- Service implementation includes pillars of support and services, which are:
  - Family Response & Stabilization Services
  - Wraparound Services
  - Service Continuum
- Questions and Answers:
  - How can family’s and youth get connected or who should they contact to get services? How is the information being shared in the community so they’re aware of these services?
    - Information is being shared about this service is being shared at various community engagement events, within schools, and children serving programs.
  - Were youth who receive services used to get feedback?
    - Youth from various areas did provide feedback.
- Working with foster care
- Current contracts providing these services include Change Inc., and Summit Guidance

**Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Initiative (JJBHI)**

- This is a new area within the county.
- Provided context of why this area was created and the work they do.
- Shifting strategies for youth and families.
  - Centering young people and families.

- Meet the needs of the people and the needs of the system.
- JJBHI vision
  - Create space for youth to experience joy and hope.
  - Partner with youth and families early and continuously
  - As an intervention strategy: build engaging, flexible, and culturally affirming behavioral health interventions
- JJBHI Framework
  - Includes a system of care
  - Utilizing the sequential intercept model (SAMHSA)
  - Providing youth development
- JJBHI will be conducting an environmental scan of current supports and services
- Assess youth restorative practices, need for a youth and family center within the community served
- Conduct ongoing evaluations and assessment of needs, along with program efficacy
- A coalition includes internal practitioners, community providers, juvenile justice system, and young people, meet monthly along with sub-groups within this coalition. All share the same priorities.