

Youth Justice Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2023

Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm

Location: Virtual

Minutes

- ✚ Welcome and Grounding Statement – Youth Advisory Board Member
- ✚ Family Tree Presentation
 - Services Provided
 - Drop-In Center/Dinner (with Avenues)
 - Sexual and Reproductive Health Care
 - Gender Affirming Hormone Care
 - PREP
 - Limited Primary Care
 - Patient Resources – robust team, collaborating with community organizations
 - Legal Assistance
 - Mission Aligned Tennant Space – Transcend Psychotherapy and Bodywork Services
 - Community Engagement Department
 - Education Team
 - Human Inventions
 - 80% of patients are teens and young adults.
 - 68% identify as LGBTQ.
 - 50% of visits are for hormones.
 - 80% are low income.
 - 22% are uninsured.
 - 20% are homeless or dealing with housing instability.
 - Drop-In – a welcoming and safe space with a focus on community
 - Activities - built a garden, origami, etc.
 - Art Therapist
 - Important for queer people in the community to come to present/teach to queer youth.
 - Connect with community resources.
 - Meals – importance of breaking bread/having meals together.
 - Case Management

- Social Worker, Sex Educator, and Therapist (in process of hiring) – trio team important for collaboration and to address issues, concerns, and questions.
- Youth Feedback
 - Important to find community with a feeling of safety and acceptance.
 - It was the only good meal provided while homeless.
 - Found “family” here.
 - Fills the gap – nice to have friends that identify as non-binary.
 - Space is comfortable and inviting.
 - Most youth that come to group are trans and gender non-conforming.
- All services are at no cost to the participant – everyone is welcome.
- Question about crisis intervention – in the process of getting someone hired into position. As of now, staff can provide resources and are very connected with the community.
- Currently looking for more referrals of system involved youth – will drop flyer in chat as well as send out electronically. Youth on probation do not have to disclose any information (PO name, charge, etc.)
- ✚ Youth Advisory Board Presentation – “10 Questions to Ask Your Attorney”
 - Development Stage – based on lived experience and research. Met with Public Defender for feedback as well as DOCCR communications department to ensure pamphlet aligns with the county. Identified critical resources – food, shelter, mental health support, transportation, employment, and engagement services.
 - Layout of Pamphlet – catches attention with vibrant colors, clearly and directly states the purpose.
 - Pamphlet Guide – theme throughout for ease of navigation, writing space for questions, ideas, or comments, designed in a way that is directed towards youth audience.
 - Future – focus will be to have these distributed in high youth traffic areas – schools, court check-in, metro areas, juvenile detention centers, etc.
- ✚ Future of YJC Meeting
 - Due to changes in personnel the YJC and sub-committees will be paused until early 2024.
 - Future YJC meetings will begin at 4:30pm when they resume in 2024. This is to accommodate young people that are in school/working as well as community members.
 - This will be Judge Kappelhoff’s last meeting as tri-chair, Judge Willms will be stepping in to take his place.
- ✚ Community Forum
 - A young person discussed a concern regarding Cognitive hours that need to be completed to successful complete probation. The young person would like to have the required cognitive hours completed through participation of the Youth Advisory Board and the YJC and asked “*can you be on the Youth Justice Council Steering Committee if on probation? What if you want to represent the Youth Advisory Board on the Youth Justice Council Steering Committee?*”
 - Cognitive hours cannot include time spent attending Youth Advisory Board and YJC meetings due to the possibility of a conflict of interest, such as receiving payment, and/or a conflict due to current court proceedings and possibility of justice system individuals’ part of the same committee (client, public defender, judge, etc.).