

# Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 14, 2019

**Location:** Linden Conference Room

10:00-12:00

**Present:** Kate Luscomb, Tara Howe, Tom Delaney, Kathy Griffin, Matt Wolf, Sara Chesbrough, Holly Morehouse, Martha Frank, Tracy Harris, Kreig Pinkham

Agenda Items	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Introductions</li> <li>★ Agenda Overview</li> <li>★ Welcome new participants</li> <li>★ Updates from members – <i>Amy D</i></li> <li>★ <i>Matt Youth Thrive RFP? Youth Work training? VTA “home” for YT moving forward?</i></li> </ul>	<p>Amy D has a new role at VDH – Asbestos remediation in the Division of Environmental Health. She was a founding member of this iteration of the Council with VYTEP. Thanks to Amy for all the years of leadership.</p> <p>Theresa and Matt are supporting a cultural and linguistic competency curricula for grantees of CFCPP. Anyone can request the guide they are working with and there is TA available. Articles, links, homework embedded in the guide.</p> <p>Tara recently attended a national capacity building institute with the <a href="#">Youth Technical Assistance Center</a> – targeted TA is available around youth empowerment, employment, working with families, etc for transition-age youth.</p> <p>Youth Summit May 30<sup>th</sup> – at full capacity.</p> <p>Matt Wolf – Youth Thrive update – no new info on RFP – anticipating late May-early June. There are two different purposes for the funding. VT Afterschool would be a good “home” for YT in VT. VT Afterschool will respond to RFP.</p> <p>Matt attended a training in MI with Sam and Katrina from VT Afterschool – the Weikert Center’s <a href="#">Youth Work Methods</a> program. The Youth Program Quality Assessment is a tool for any out of school program on “PYD-ness”. Good fit with other VT prevention frameworks.</p>	<p>Matt will alert Holly when RFP released. Holly will begin to work training in Youth Thrive into VT Afterschool’s calendar.</p> <p>Share about the YPQA with Commissioners/high level leadership.</p>

Discussion of data sharing and how do we have a model for integrated work? ~ *Tom Delaney*

The YSAC outcomes workgroup is working on a table, presenting YSAC outcomes are available in different domains. What's very clear is that services are siloed. AHS has attempted data integration in the past, unsuccessfully.

Tom attended the [National Council for Behavioral Health Conference](#) (NatCon) at the end of March. He highlighted workshops presented by programs in Dayton, OH and Pima County, CA.

Why do we care about this? 1) Mapping trends/cost is powerful (YIT grant). 2) Program planning 3) Program evaluation.

Ohio found an external vendor, funded a new database, implemented data sharing agreements. The data was then able to inform interventions and improve services for youth.

Is this a worthy goal for this group? How can YSAC be a catalyst/think tank for how to do this?

Is it money that we need, or is it philosophy/willingness? AHS and AOE must lead. Could we lean on a third-party vendor for this? Can we pilot on smaller project? County, hospital? Who has to be on board?

Tracy – a couple of years ago, AOE moved from one data storage system to a much improved one. Now, they have data and means to access it, staff who can interpret it. Will be hiring a new data person who will come on board in August.

We should recommend that Depts and Agencies look at what the real barriers are to sharing information. Anytime a new policy/legislative action is put forward, we should consider whether this increases or decreases barriers to data sharing.

What do we want to know? Then we can approach vendor to know what it would look like, how much it would cost.

Add column to outcomes doc – “Why is this Important?”

	<p>Good to keep in mind that a lot of what we want to know about youth there isn't data on.</p>	
<p>A deep dive into outcomes: Focusing on Outcome 5: Increased Educational Engagement including Post-Secondary Opportunities ~ Tracy Harris, AOE</p> <p>Large group -using the Discussion and Policy Implications Guide discuss the following about Outcome 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ How does this relate to what you measure, what crossover is there with other work happening?</li> <li>★ Areas of concern</li> <li>★ Noteworthy Information</li> <li>★ Policy Implications</li> <li>★ Recommendations</li> <li>★ Vision Statement for this outcome</li> </ul>	<p>a) Exclusionary data – 2015 legislative report requested on school discipline and exclusionary practices. Data is from 2013 – 2015. Can break it out by in school/out of school/expulsions/alternative school placements. Category specific for students on IEPs. Can disaggregate by many demographics, length of exclusion, FRL status, IEP, grade level, LEP. Don't have LGBTQ+ youth, youth in foster care.</p> <p>Schools must report to state all disciplinary actions. May be on AOE website, but disaggregated data would have to be requested.</p> <p>VT is reporting exclusionary data at the same rate as nationally. VTs students of color are excluded at the same rate.</p> <p>c and d) PBIS division has flexible pathways equity tool – for schools to assess their own processes. Systems approach to looking at equity.</p> <p>School climate survey will be going live next academic year, capturing many of the measures. Required for all public schools, offered for all private. Certain grades targeted. Will be collected annually.</p> <p>Domains:  1)Engagement, relationships, participation, CLC  2)Safety (emotional/physical), bullying, SA, Emergency Readiness  3)Environment – physical/instruction, MH, discipline</p> <p>Collected and analyzed by AOE, reports will come out to schools and aggregate report. Ready Fall 2020.</p>	<p>Tracy will send the link.</p> <p>Tracy will send exclusionary data numbers via email to Holly and Sara</p> <p>Holly will clarify – individuals or events?</p>

<b>Wrap Up and Next Steps</b>	What outcome would we like to focus on next? <b>Outcome 2: Increased Positive Relationships</b>  Tom and Theresa to present workforce survey results at VT 9to26 Coalition, VDH Spotlight Session	Scheduled for July meeting  Holly and Sara to schedule with Tom
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