



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission - Youth Assessment Steering Subcommittee

Monday, April 3, 2017

8:15 AM

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A. Call To Order

- Present** 6 - BRIAN KOENIG, TJ HANSEN, SANDY ERICKSON, BRIDGET MANIACI, JULIA OLSEN, and JEFFREY LAFFERTY
- Absent** 4 - MEGHAN BENSON, MARY O'DONNELL, BONNIE AUGUSTA, and SABINE WESTERMEYER

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2016 MIN-548](#) 2017_0206 Youth Assessment Steering Subcommittee Minutes

Attachments: [2017_0206 DCYA Steering Committee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by KOENIG, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - KOENIG, HANSEN, ERICKSON, MANIACI, OLSEN and LAFFERTY
- Absent:** 4 - BENSON, O'DONNELL, AUGUSTA and WESTERMEYER

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Administrative Timeline progress update (Bettin): Project is on schedule. Bid waiver from 2015 for K12 Associates is for five years and covers this survey. The contract for K12 Associates is in process. Stakeholder input was gathered from researchers and community partners (see B & D below). Koenig is facilitating a student focus group to get survey feedback on 4/7. School partner feedback will be gathered at a meeting on 4/20.

2. Survey Development subcommittee update (Koenig)

The survey development work group has met twice. Stakeholder feedback from community agencies and from research partners has been collected. Koenig provided a summary of survey revisions based on stakeholder input highlighted issues needing follow-up including:

- i. Gender identification—both community and research stakeholders requested that more inclusive options for gender identification. This issue will be reviewed with school partners to align with district policies and practices.
- ii. SES—Item will be added that directly asks parent economic status.
- iii. Mental/emotional health—Both stakeholder groups requested an expansion of MH items given the increase in reported anxiety and self-harm in the 2015 survey. Several excellent suggestions will be considered.
- iv. Sexual activity—the work group is considering changing DCYA items to align with YRBS sexual activity items cognizant that longitudinal data will be lost in the transition. As such, the screening question will refer to students who have engaged in sexual intercourse v. the current, broader screening item asking about sexual contact (as defined by the student). Concern discussed that this may inadvertently exclude students engaging in non-heterosexual activity. Steering committee requests that the DCYA not adopt YRBS terminology, that the current screening question captures a “broader universe of students who are sexually active” and is strength of the survey. After the screening item, more specific questions about “sexual intercourse”, including items identical to the YRBS, can be added for alignment. Care should be taken to remain inclusive of LGBTQ sexual activity. Steering committee prioritizes longitudinal, local data over alignment with YRBS.
- v. Add items related to immigration, that school may be primary source of meals, access to firearm.
- vi. Health/nutrition—One researcher is using the health/nutrition items. This researcher also added an addendum. Recommendation that summer activity items and high calorie beverage items be removed on condensed into one question. Olson noted that schools have adopted policy to limit access to high calorie drinks and these items may have served their purpose. They will confer with other PH staff on removing or combining. Keep breakfast, family meal, fruit/veggie & exercise items.

Koenig will have draft ready for review by next committee meeting.

3. School commitment/subcommittee update (Koenig/Bettin): All Dane county districts except Stoughton and Verona have confirmed participation and identified a district representative to the project. Edgewood HS and the Sauk Prairie school district will again participate. Hansen and Bettin will follow-up with Stoughton. Hansen and Erickson will follow-up with Verona school staff. The first school/DCYA planning meeting is on April 20. The agenda will cover: 1) Recommended additions and proposed survey changes—get feedback on the gender item; 2) Review need to include alternative programs in district administration; 3) Ascertain district use of Survey Monkey v. retaining K12 to analyze data and run reports, 4) Review of 2015 debrief feedback; 5) Review MOU & fee. Benson is on the Superintendent meeting agenda for 4/21 to review district use of 2015 data and survey plans for 2018. Koenig noted there are other school districts outside of Dane county with students who live in Dane county (similar to Sauk) that might be interested in participating. He will pursue.

4. 2015 DCYA stakeholder feedback & recommendations (Koenig)

[2016](#) 2018 DCYA_Stakeholder Input
[RPT-773](#)

Attachments: [2018 DCYA Stakeholder input](#)

5. Updates on 2015 data analysis efforts: Koenig and Boston University professor Melissa Holt have completed analysis of emotional health anxiety data across all districts for significant increase from in reported rates from 2012 – 2015. Their analysis will include a comparison of all risk and protective factors.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

June 5 at 8:15 a.m. at United Way

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

9:50 a.m.

Recorded by Connie Bettin at 242-6422 (WI Relay 711)