

CCYD – California Collaborative for Youth Development June 5, 2006

Meeting Participants:

Friday Night Live: Jim Kooler
Attorney General's Office: Mike Kelly
CA Research Bureau: List Foster
Dept of Education: Greg Wolfe, Dan Sackheim
AES: Bernie Davitto
UCD Center for Comm. School Partnership: Kindra Montgomery
CA Park & Recreation Society: Leslie Fritz
CA Dept of Mental Health: Leslie McGorman
CA Youth Advocacy Network: Gordon Sloss
4-H Youth Development Program: Carole MacNeil
Constitutional Rights Foundation: Debbie Genzer
Youth Services Provider Network: Bina Lefkowitz
YLI: Amy Dean

Next Meeting:

September 11, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 pm
CA Research Bureau — State
Library, Room 340
900 N Street
Please RSVP to Lisa or to CCYD
distribution list

Agenda #1: Field Reports

- Leslie reported on their successful 3-day youth development leadership academy held in Ontario last spring. This was a statewide Teen Summit sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department's Youth Academy.
- Gordon indicated that the CA Youth Advocacy Network's "Youth Quest" event, held in late March, was also deemed a success.
- Also in late March, CASC [CA Assn. of Student Councils] held their Sacramento regional conference – attended by several hundred high school students from the region. Leslie Fritz attended this conference as a representative of CCYD.
- Carole reported that the 4-H Citizenship Conference will be held August 10-14 and they will be focusing on youth engagement and youth voice.
- Mike indicated that he had visited former CCYD member DJ Peterson's coalition in El Dorado Hills and that they were successful in being awarded a REACH grant from the Sierra Health Foundation and will focus on underage drinking and anti-smoking among middle school youth. The AG's annual SAFE NIGHT will be held on June 23rd.
- The Constitutional Rights Foundation is wrapping up work w/ 10 school district focusing on youth engagement, gang violence.
- Dan mentioned there is pending legislation to allow young people to stay in school beyond the age of 18.

Agenda #2: Workgroup Updates

The Youth Involvement Advisory Committee met just prior to the full CCYD meeting. The discussion focused on several key issues:

- In our continuing conversation about youth-adult relationships, there are some specific things we need to do; such as look at what training is currently available to develop youth-adult teams.
- The Advisory Committee believes we should get back to where we were 2-3 years ago when we had legislative and administration support of our efforts.
- A “window of opportunity” appears to exist between now and election day in November, 2006. This year, the Assembly will turn over by nearly 50% thus, numerous opportunities exist to build and forge relationships with candidates and likely winners of Assembly and Senate seats.
- It was pointed out that youth are doing a lot of things across the state, but how do we effectively get CCYD involved in those activities, which will also lead to building relationships across organizations?
- We should draw upon other states as models in how they have achieved a bigger role for youth and youth advocates in formulating youth policy. Perhaps a planning grant is needed to move us forward.
- Need to bring youth around the table to share their ideas. The CASC model is one we can learn from.

This discussion led to agenda item #5 and our on-going discussion on how to secure youth involvement in the collaborative – that is meaningful and on-going.

Agenda Item #3: Educators’ Youth Development Institute

Bina Lefkovitz, founder of the Youth Services Provider Network, talked about the services YSPN provides in the Sacramento region – specifically training for adults on youth development strategies, youth development institutes and specific training for schools on YD. YSPN is currently working intensely with two schools in the Sacramento area.

Agenda Item #4: Leadership Academy

Leslie briefed the collaborative on the CA Parks & Recreation Society’s Leadership Academy will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center on March 7, 2007. This would be a terrific opportunity for CCYD members to be involved in the planning phase and also participate in the event.

Agenda Item # 6: Creating a One-Year Policy Agenda

It was agreed that we would develop a one-year policy agenda with clearly identified goals and desired outcomes. The possibility of creating a one-day institute or symposium, focusing on youth policy and authentic youth voice at the state level was embraced – perhaps to be held immediately after the fall elections and before the Legislature convenes in January. The idea of partnering w/ NCSL was discussed, although we would need to secure financial support that does not include funds from tobacco manufacturers. Bernie and Amy will rough out a proposal for discussion at the next meeting.

Next & Future Meetings

Summary discussion: It has been discussed at prior meetings and again at the June '06 meeting that, given quarterly meetings, we do not have enough time to do “strategic work.” Much of the meeting time is taken up with reporting out and announcements. Even though the advisory committee structure works well for working on specific tasks, there is insufficient time [only 2 hours] at meetings involving full collaborative membership to reach agreement on next steps and to move forward on CCYD priorities. Members felt that with only four meetings per year, a half-day meeting would be appropriate and give members a chance to engage in substantive work.