



**Youth Engagement and Serving Organization (YESO)  
Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2020**

**9:00 am to 10:30 am**

**Easter Seals, 1st Floor Conference Room,  
22317 Dupont Blvd., Georgetown, DE 19947**

*Mission: The YESO Committee exists to positively impact and promote healthy outcomes for children/families through collaboration with key health community partners that empowers families to live healthy lifestyles.*

**YESO Committee Chair: Regina Sidney-Brown  
Co-Chair: Lindsay Hughes**

**YESO Dashboard:**

1. Increased Graduation Rate
2. Increased Prevention Activities and Program Capacity for Middle School Students
3. Decreased High Risk Behaviors

**IMPACT** - Increased assets for youth between the ages of 12 -18, leading to less risky behaviors and increased college and career readiness.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

**Lindsay Hughes /Regina Sydney Brown**

**Review December 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Lindsay Hughes /Regina Sydney Brown**

**Motion to Accept Minutes**

- ✓ Review of Minutes from November and December, A motion to approve November's was Michelle & Katie McGee seconded the motion with no changes.
- ✓ Motion from Melody Bush for December's and a second was Janet Ray with the following changes:
- ✓ Change Regina - Sidney Brown.

**Recommendations for Future Speakers:**

- Aimee Beam- Afterschool Feeding program
- PIC update

**09:18 am**

**What is happening this year with our partners:**

**Peggy Geisler**

- Understanding the landscape of what funding that is coming into the County
- How do we fill the gaps?
- How do we partner with each other better?
  - ✓ DEAN was funding for another 3 years. DEAN is a United Way Partner. They are a statewide network with a staff of one.
    - Goal this year

- Where are the after-school programs?
    - Where is the need to expand (working with 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs below the canal)?
    - National level – working on the topics such as
      - Salary of staff, licensing, anything pertaining to afterschool programing
    - How to support them
      - Funding
      - Professional development
      - Advocating for the mission
      - Policy changes
  - ✓ We need to ensure access to afterschool programing for all children.
- First State Community Action:
  - Focus is on middle school and high school and changing the stigma from just being a homework program; focus on rebranding to provide resources for the youth besides homework.
- DAPI
  - Looking at by the end of this month they will have 20 students, that is two times the number of Kent and three times that of New Castle.
  - One middle schooler in October and 2 currently and 2 on the waiting list.
  - Requiring that Parent engagement is mandated.
  - Academics are priority.
  - Creating plans for growth.
  - Working on program that is called Love notes. Creating trusting adult relationships.
  - DAPI has an outreach student in every school in the high school and a partnership with ACO; program is a preventive program with at risk teens. The wellness center is the person who identifies the needs.
- U of D 4H program
  - Barriers for the programs that 4H see are:
    - Getting into the schools because the schools do not want accountability.
    - Getting kids to come to the program.
    - Licensing.
  - Generalization is “at risk” programs create a stigma.
  - Needs a site Coordinator at Showell School.
- Easter Seals
  - Provides services for at risk kids that have behavior issues/developmental needs.
  - Professional development.
- The Way Home
  - Goals is to address homelessness.
  - DOC has a policy to have family unification.
  - Barriers or youth reentry.

- Impact
  - Serving 45 youth with Unique and Man up at Seaford Middle and Seaford Elementary and has an average of 30 students that attend the program at the Seaford Library.
- Multiplying Good:
  - Focus on service projects to include giving the kids job skills.
  - Focusing on providing youth to be advocated for by their parents.
  - Working with out of school programs to integrate community service projects to provide skill building and giving services back from the past youth.
- SCHC
  - Working with Bryant Richardson to have a youth column in his papers and working with youth that want to have a car.
- FIRST
  - Referrals comes from probation, mental health, etc. (Youth that are having difficulties in their lives and working with the family from ages 13-17).
  - Looking for activities for youth that are involved since they may not be in school or can't do after school sports.
  - Families that are looking for community resources in all areas of Sussex County.
- Delaware Council on Gambling Problems
  - Working on a middle school program for youth.
  - Kids that work on gambling prevention with their parents have better relationships with their family and understanding "responsible gambling."
  - Working in the schools to provide education.
- Optimist Club of Sussex County / Janet & John Ray
  - Speakers that come in looking at how they can better advocate with the community in their Joy Clubs in the schools that look for school advisors that decide on community service projects and funding to complete the projects.
- Community in Schools
  - Currently in Woodbridge school and providing direct services for at risk children from elementary to high school.
  - Funding opportunities.

**10:00 am      Old Business**

- Committee Improvement Plan next steps                      Peggy Geisler
- Upcoming Speakers
  - Invite Ruth Briggs King to answer questions to help nonprofits on the best practices around working with Government officials – Dec/Jan- Waiting on confirmation of what month.
  - NAMI- Anne Slease, Director of Advocacy & Education
  - DAPI- Ms. Pettyjohn
  - First State Community Action Afterschool program- Kendra Harrold

<b>10:10 am</b>	<b>United Way &amp; DEAN Update</b>	<b>Regina Sidney-Brown</b>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Prevention/Botvin Update</b>	<b>Crystal Timmons/Lindsay Hughes</b>
<b>10:20 am</b>	<b>Partner Updates</b>	
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	

**To do's**

- **Next month's agenda discuss /asking each organization to host one family youth event a year – what kind of impact can we make for the county and possible have fund to help support.**
  - **Create a sign-up sheet for interested organizations that want to have a youth event. (Ctb completed 2/7/20)**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Next YESO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 9:00am to 10:30 am at Easter Seals  
in Georgetown, DE  
Quarter Meeting- Save the Date**

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