

Mentor Network Meeting
Kevin Modica Community Room
Portland Police Bureau North Precinct
October 25, 2018
10 AM - 12 PM

Introductions:

- Robert White and Eric Zimmerman (facilitators) called the group to order and briefly explained the intent of the gathering; to help create a network of youth mentors.
- Each attendee was introduced
- A lot of different views and perspectives present to grow “mentors that get it” (one of the six gang prevention/intervention plan [strategies](#)).

Start dialogue/conversation:

Recap from last gathering. In general, the mentors in attendance felt it was successful. At that event, notes were taken and then consolidated into themes. This consolidation is presented in nine categories for consideration:

1. Diverse representation
2. Funds and resources to do the work
 - a. Add: funding sources
3. Mental health support for Mentors
 - a. Add: difference between mental health and mental illness
 - b. Add: how to better support families
 - c. Add: more training/knowledge on Mental Health for Mentors
 - d. Add: in training, learn how to apply knowledge into practice
 - e. Add: in training, included information on ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences Study)
4. Mental health support for Youth
5. Mentor Network
 - a. Add: mentor network create own trainings using body of knowledge among youth mentors. Videos can be posted to future forum.
 - b. Add: create consultation group within network
 - c. Add: need to establish meeting frequency, structure, scope of work, location, and content
 - d. Add: host national conference/create national model
6. Professionalization
7. Transport support
8. Collaboration and partnership
 - a. Add: navigating legal and other systems -- incorporated into training
 - b. Add: mentors training of system partners
9. Opportunities for Youth Mentees
 - a. Add: develop resource for incentives for youth
 - b. Add: develop scholarship/vocational training funds

- c. Add: app for opportunities for youth

Additional comments and ideas:

- Social media:
 - Create website
 - Information sharing -- input from all youth mentors regarding information and resources
 - Make a mentoring closed Facebook group (in the interim until app/website developed)
 - What are we communicating, and why?
 - Who could administer Facebook group?
- Committee structure: A lot of ideas were generated. A subcommittee structure may allow for more pointed focus on the many topics presented.
- Nexus of MH, SUD, gang involvement
- Language shift: support and assist people navigating challenges with a focus on young people of color.
- If needed, slow down process to ensure all mentor perspectives are heard

Mentors discussed the need for structure and self-governance. What should the structure look like?

- How many people?
- Name?
- Structure? Council -- consisting of one person from each organization present today: POIC, IRCO, NAFY, MultCo, MHASD, LatNet, CHI, Face Chapter, BMA, Coalition of Black Men, Stars mentor, LifeWorks, Better Oregon People Enhancement, Youth, community member(s)/consumer(s).
- Voting?

The following people signed up to plan the next meeting:

- Thomas Robertson, POIC
- LaKeesha Dumas, MHASD
- Dontae Riley, Stars Mentoring Program
- Luis Olivera, Latino Network
- Mims Rouse, Coalition of Black Men
- Daniel Chevalier, Lifeworks NW
- Mustafah Finney & Kim Hosley, NAFY
- Yamungu Seraya, IRCO
- Devarrio Rice, Better Oregon People Enhancement
- Style Versatile, Face Chapter
- Jessie Montgomery, Better Oregon People Enhancement
- Royal Harris, Multnomah County Health Department