

Mentor Network Meeting
Midland Library
January 30, 2019
10 AM - 1 PM

Introductions:

Royal Harris, Multnomah County, started the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves and shared what brought them to the mentor network. Themes included sharing resources, learn, learn best practices, network, support each other, increase capacity to do the work, feel connected, bring skills and talents to the group.

Represented agencies included:

- VOA
- Portland Parks
- POIC
- Latino Network
- New Avenues for Youth
- Coalition of Black Men
- Boys & Girls Aid
- Juvenile Services/DCJ
- Redstone,
- Lifeworks NW
- Better Oregon
- IRCO
- CHI
- Community
- Powerfit Kids

The Purpose Statement was finalized to:

Create intentional community for mentors to build relationships, collaborate, leverage resources, increase access to funding, provide support and develop professionally.

It was clarified that this group is for the mentor, not the mentee.

The decision was made to change the title to "Mentors Empowering Mentors".

The group reviewed and commented on the Draft Agenda Template for Network Meetings (90 minutes):

- Networking/Food
- Information sharing
 - Assistance/partnering
 - Events

- Emerging Issues
- Network Project (i.e. App)
- Training/Presentation Piece

Question: Do we need a governance structure?

People expressed interest in:

Expanding the funding conversation

Identifying & sharing talent within the room, AKA Internal Learning Opportunities

The meeting schedule was decided:

4th Wednesday 10:30-noon

Ideas for venues

- Maybe New Avenues for Youth--165th and Stark.
- North Portland Library--Christina will look into.
- Lincoln Building--LaKeesha Dumas has a reservation. Parking may be an issue.

The meeting schedule and location will be reviewed every 4th quarter.

Who pays for food needs to be discussed.

There was an information-sharing roundtable.

For future meetings, attendees are asked to bring information about emerging issues.

We will have an informational training about grants at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.