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Council for Equitable Youth Justice
Meeting Notes September 21st, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In- Person at the WSOC lobby focus room or virtual

Members Present: Kreig Pinkham, Katherine O’Day, Amy Davenport, Donn Hutchins, Laurey Burris, Christopher Lukasik, Wendy Love, Karen Vastine, Stuart Berry, Mike Loner, Sparks, Matt Wolf, Kirsten Kersey

Members Missing: Mercedes Avila, Linda Johnson, Julia Brand

Partners Present: Elizabeth Morris (in-person at WSOC), Taylor Welch

Introductions & Brief Updates

- Most Council members have terms expiring in February 2024, and will need to re-apply. Only members who do NOT need to re-apply are Matt, Christopher and Julia. We are still waiting for Wendy’s term expiration from the Governor’s Office as she was just appointed on 8/15/23.
- Please click [here](#) for more information on applying.

Motion to approve July meeting and August retreat notes. Seconded. Passed. Unanimous.

- We budget approximately \$3,500 per person for a retreat. Each member’s cost is different based on their flight, hotel, etc. needs.
- Utilizing only the SAG operating budget from the FFY2021 grant, we can send 7-8 people to conferences over the course of the next year. This includes:
 1. CJJ Ethnic and Racial disparity Conference in October
 2. OJJDP Annual Conference in the fall/winter
 3. CJJ Annual Conference in May
 4. CJJ Youth conference in August

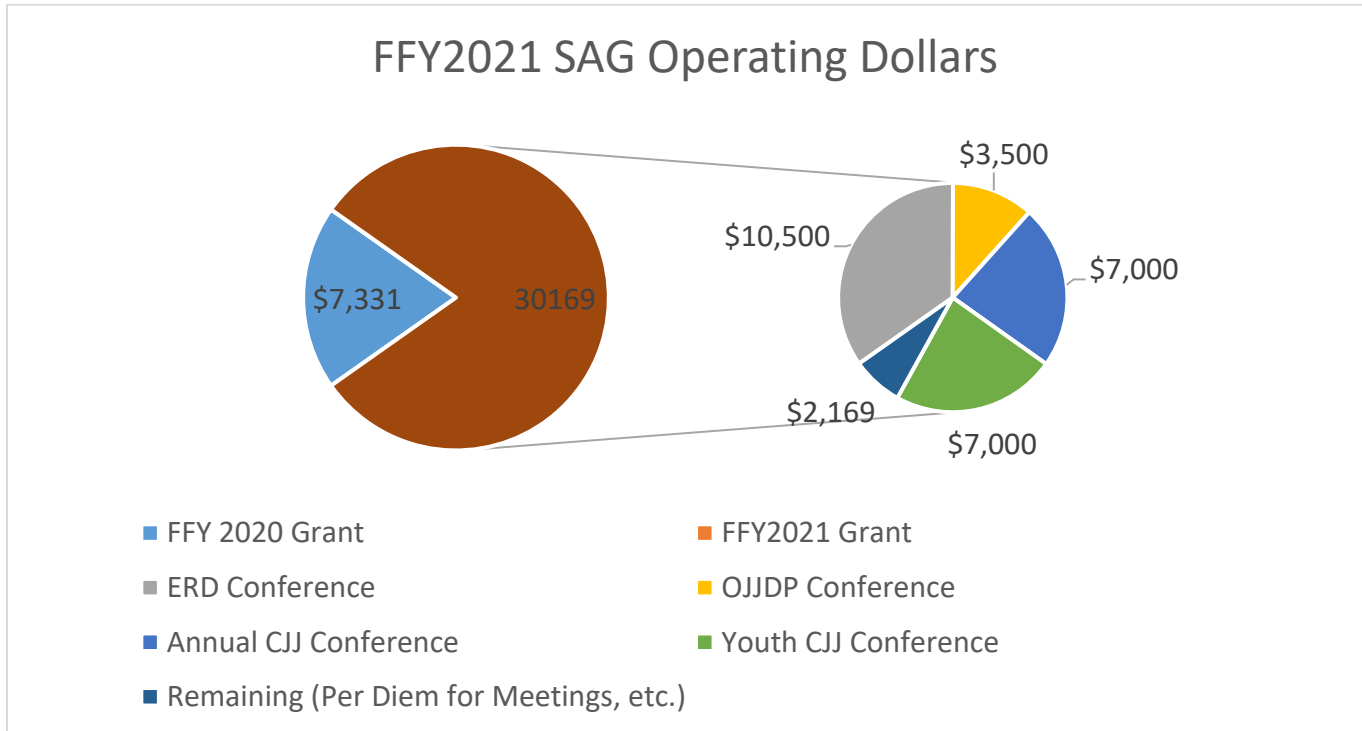
We voted in January to send two people to this conference, but we have interest from three people. One council member, one ERD committee member.

We have \$7,331 SAG operating dollars left in FY2020 and \$30,169. The \$7,331 will be soon spent with the CJJ annual membership fee and the remaining flight costs from the May CJJ annual conference. The pie chart below shows how the remaining \$30,169 can be utilized over the next year, by sending three people to the ERD conference, one to the OJJDP, two to the annual CJJ conference and two to the youth conference. This leaves us with a few thousand to be able to pay per diem, etc.

Motion to send up to three people to the ERD Conference at the end of October, assuming one of them is a Council member.

Sparks is committing to attending the conference as the official Council member attending. The governance committee will be discussing policy for handling non-council member attendance at CJJ conferences.

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ERD Committee Update:

Discussion of BSD’s request for a fourth year of funding. The original RFP that was posted was for three years of work, so this is past the scope of what the CEYJ has already committed to. The FY2022 funding is still not available to the CEYJ, so the funds that the CEYJ has available to them are only the dollars left over after Spectrum ended their work early with Winooski School District. When the ERD Committee discussed this at their subcommittee meeting, there was large overwhelming support (and confirmed with a vote) for the CEYJ to support them as much as they are financially able to, but a concern that this work hasn’t seen a decrease in the racial disparity numbers. The question was raised that we should be not just focusing on “prevention” work in schools, but also direct intervention into the JJ system.

Motion to reallocate Spectrum’s remaining \$48,700 to fund a fourth year of the BSD project. Mike motioned, Donned seconded. All in favor say yes. Sparks abstains.

Youth Services Committee Update: Katherine, Elizabeth and Emily Long from the State’s GIS steam have continued to work on the update to the youth Resource Map. Now have a completely new designation, questions and format! Youth Drop-in Bid [Posted](#) and is due on October 20th. We are working on a location for the conference.

System Improvement Committee Update: The JDVAP Bid has been [posted](#) and is due on October 20th. They have been discussing educating the legislature on Raising Minimum Age of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction this upcoming session, tried to meet with Rep. Small but she didn’t end up attending. They are following the work of the sentencing commission, which was charged by S.4 to review the “big 12” charges that are automatically in criminal division.

Mission/Vision/Values Overview

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Katherine gave a 101 overview of how to go about strategic planning, including what constitutes as mission/vision/value. After the presentation by Katherine, the group split up into 4 groups to brainstorm core values. After each person shared in their small group, they were to narrow each group’s top core values down to 4-5 to share out to the larger group. Below is a list of all the values that were shared to the larger group. The Executive Committee will take a stab at synthesizing these values into 3-5 salient words for the October meeting.

Representation	Equity -III	Personal Accountability	Courage	Innovation
Inclusivity - III	Anti-Racism	Thoughtfulness in how we conduct ourselves	De-stigmatizing and Healing	Developmentally Focused/Informed
Diversity in representation	Equity and Fairness	Commitment	Effectiveness	Positive Youth Development
Centering perspective of lived experience	Race Equity	Respect	Non-defensive	Open to change and new ideas
De-stigmatizing and Healing		Effectiveness	Impact	
Collaboration (working with various communities and stakeholders)	Collaboration	Patience	Leadership	