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**Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs
a.k.a. The Council for Equitable Youth Justice
Meeting Notes November 17, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Members Present: Christopher Lukasik, Mackenzie Mazza, Stu Berry, Karen Vastine, Sparks, Matt Wolf, Mike Loner, Donn Hutchins, Katherine O’Day, Linda Johnson, Kreig Pinkham, Amy Davenport

Members Missing: Rachel Larsen, Dorinne Dorfman, Mercedes Avila, Kirsten Kersey, Bob Sheil, Laurey Burris, Julia Brand

Partners Present: Elizabeth Morris

FFY2022 Funding Update:

- There is no legal avenue to refute the 20% reduction. The violations occurred, and per the federal law the grant must be reduced now.
- DCF Legal Team was able to convince OJJDP that asking to not have to spend 50% of the remaining dollars “addressing” the problem was a waiver, not an appeal
- This goes straight to the Administrator, and is significantly less waiting time

Statute Update:

- Amy and Karen met with Maxine Grad
- Reached out to Senator Sears regarding the bill

Approval of October Meeting Notes. Motion. Seconded. All yes. Passed.

Council Name Selection Standing Rules

This document explains the process of how our new name for the Council be selected. Members should review this document prior to the start of the discussion.

Prior to the meeting, these six names were pared down from the original list of over 15 potential names:

Council on System-Involved Youth
Vermont Council on Youth Justice
Council on the Vermont Youth Legal System
Equitable Justice for Youth Council
Reclaiming Justice for Youth Council
Vermont Youth Equity Council

Step 1: Preliminary Straw Poll

These six names will be inputted into a Zoom poll at the beginning of the discussion. Council members shall cast one vote for their top choice. If any names do not get any votes during this straw poll, they will be removed from further discussion. If one name has unanimous votes, the Council shall continue discussion on that name.

Step 2: Discussion of Remaining Names

Four questions will guide discussion on the remaining names from the Straw Poll:

- Does this name stand for what we’re working for?
- Does this name describe the work we do?
- Can the public read our name and understand what we do?
- Can you (as a member) remember our name and do you believe the public can?

Zoom polls will be published for each remaining name with these questions. Council members shall respond to each question with a Yes, No, or Maybe response. Council members may decline to respond to the question.

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Council members may verbally discuss their thoughts in the midst of voting.

Step 3: Second Vote

Remaining names will be inputted into a new Zoom poll where Council members shall cast one vote for their top choice. Any names that did not receive any votes shall be removed from further discussion.

The council shall discuss any lingering thoughts about the remaining choices. If one choice receives unanimous votes, that name shall become the Council's new name.

Step 4: Final Vote

Remaining names will be inputted into a new Zoom poll where Council members shall cast one vote for their top choice. The choice with the most amount of votes shall be the new Council's name.

Move to accept the standing rules for decision a name. Seconded. All in favor. Passed. Unanimous.

- After the first poll, we deleted the "Reclaiming Justice for Youth Council" – there were no votes
- Justice has never been equitable for black/brown people.
- Isn't the use of both equitable and justice redundant?
- Noticing that a large amount of the conversation was focusing on the word equity/equitable, and that there is a large interest in using those words in our title.
- Council for Equitable Youth Justice? – slightly different version of Equitable Justice for Youth Council
- Are we confusing the word/concept justice with the existing justice system?
- Concerns about the public understanding what equity means
- The same concern applies to the word justice – many people understand "justice" to be punishment

At this point, with 4 new names on the table, a new poll was taken

1. Council on Youth Justice – 17%
2. Council for Equity in Youth Justice – 33%
3. Council for Equitable Youth Justice – 25%
4. Council for Youth Justice & Equity -25%

After eliminating a Council on Youth Justice, another poll was conducted.

1. Council for Equity in Youth Justice – 8%
2. Council for Equitable Youth Justice – 75%
3. Council for Youth Justice & Equity – 17%

Motion for "The Council for Equitable Youth Justice" to be the new name. Seconded. All yes, unanimous, passed.

Ethnic and Racial Disparities

- Continued the discussion of the role of the racial equity consultant

Governance Committee

- Continued to work on their member position descriptions
- Continued work on their onboarding process
 - Please take the survey from Katherine!

Systems Improvement

- Worked on a draft of the JVDAP with DCF grants/contracts unit
- Discussion of non-monetary changes to the restorative justice law enforcement training project.

Youth Services

- Worked on the draft of the youth drop-in center with DCF grants/contracts unit.