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Education Outcomes Task Force November 19, 2021 10am – Noon Virtual: TEAMS

Attendees: Brianna Morse, Gina Woodward, Jonathan Kraeszig, JauNae Hanger, Jessica Yoder, Alison Slatter, Jarod Wilson, Kimb Stewart, Joan Smith, Julie Whitman, Gilbert Smith, Melaina Gant, Bethany Ecklor, Susan Lightfoot, and Bartholomew Doan

The meeting began at 10:03 am with member and guest introductions.

Co-chair, Gina Woodward addressed the addition of guests and new membership for the EOTF; important focus in the coming year will be on elevating student voice, resembling the larger CISC focus on the youth we serve.

Ms. Woodward introduced Joan Smith, DOE who shared a presentation on the Departments new tool (and data survey results), Panorama.

- Discussion took place about the presentation
- Discussion took place about supporting parents and giving voice/choice in the process of Social Emotional Learning in schools
- Discussion took place about Panorama results

Subcommittee Updates:

Bart Doan, School Discipline and Climate:

- Spoke about the recommendation about the corporal punishment in schools, which was to be presented to CISC in October, but was shelved until further review could be conducted by DOE; Julie will keep everyone updated; discussion ensued.

Jarod Wilson, Post-Secondary Education Pathways:

- Jarod just took over a week ago following meetings with Gina and Brianna (replacing leadership from Michael Coleman who moved on from his position in fall); Jarod formerly served as member of the sub-committee.
- At this time, they haven't met, but are actively seeking additional members.

Bethany Ecklor, Mental Health Support in Schools

Mental health sub-committee will not meet until January 2022

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Gina Woodward, Education Passport Model

- Discussion took place regarding need for this committee in the future; co-chairs will revisit and update in January.
- Ms. Woodward reviewed the new and updated information sharing guide, which largely serves as a tool to assist agencies and partners in ensuring vulnerable youth have access to documents, etc. that help in their transitions.

Julie Whitman, ED Updates:

- December CISC meeting will be held at the Government Center on December 15, 2021 with a member (and taskforce member) reception to follow.
- Provided some updates on the initial phases of the Juvenile Justice Reform Taskforce
- CISC is seeking evaluator to review data to prove effectiveness; will also be working on strategic plan in 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.