



Multnomah County Oregon Solutions Foster Care Reduction Team
Meeting Friday, February 13, 2009

Meeting objectives:

1. Confirm a common understanding of the statewide goals as they relate to Multnomah County
2. Gain consensus about key activities and commitments Multnomah County partners want to pursue in support of the statewide goal
3. Clarify roles of existing organizations and committees in undertaking various pieces of planning and implementation work
4. Identify areas where additional process steps would be helpful
5. Identify any organizations or individuals that need to become engaged and set forth a strategy to get them to the table
6. Agree on “workplan” for the next 60 days (the duration of Oregon Solutions involvement), including timeline, assignments, and deliverables

Meeting agenda:

1. Reintroduction to Casey initiative and why it matters

Rich: Convener designated by Governor Kulongoski; not a subject matter expert and also not a vested interest in any one component of the system; intent to establish a neutral forum and encourage honest engagement for the best interests of our community’s kids. Compelled by the big goals: safely reducing the number of kids in foster care; dealing with the glaring over-representation of minority kids in our system; and making last changes to help kids be more successful overall.

Judge Waller: Statewide convener, but also a “day job” which is focused on how the courts interact with kids who come in to the system. Excited that the Casey work fits so well with an existing forum; belief that much of the work needed to achieve the big goals can be accomplished through dependency model court, in particular the .

2. Overview of key players and their roles
3. Recap of work conducted thus far (January 5 and the dependency meeting 1/27)
4. Review of Oregon Solutions process and deliverable
5. Work session – identify additional activities and call out connections to other ongoing work that also supports achievement of the goals
6. Next steps – next dependency meeting