

Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting Recap – 1/25/2014



Maryland Youth Advisory Council
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Likhitha Butchireddygari, *Secretary*

General Meeting January 25, 2014

Baltimore County Perry Hall Library
9685 Honeygo Blvd, Perry Hall, MD 21128

In Attendance

Council Members:

Kennedy Taylor
Breana Echols
Chris Eyo
Michael Moore
Devan Ogburn
Eugenie Hughes
Kate Campbell
Noah Miller
Likhitha Butchireddygari

Beatriz Atsavapranee
Christy Tse
Thaara Shankar
Karla Talley
Jamilah Silver
Raisa Rauf
Eva Dickerson
Athena Kan
Dhruv Patel
Camille Kirsch

Rachel Carroll

Co-Chairs:

Diane D'Costa
Christina Drushel Williams
Michael Hawkins

Guests:

Jenny Bonilla Moreno

Committee Reports

- **Legislative Committee:** Look out for legislative news from Eva and Ben.
- **Public Awareness Committee:** Committee chairs want to re-vamp the Facebook page and the website to put out more information in a timely manner. They also want to get outside input through online polls. It was also mentioned that that flyers and publications be put in libraries to attract bigger audience.

Jenny Bonilla Moreno, The Forum for Youth Investment

- What is it? A national nonprofit dedicated to helping states and communities make sure all young people are Ready by 21 – ready for college, work, and life.
- Child & Youth Serving Entities: current situation – disastrous mixture of services without interconnected service.
- Ready by 21 in Maryland:
 - January 2007 – October 2007: worked with Governor's Office of Children to make 5 year Action Agenda
 - January 2008 – 16 strategic goals
- Education Goal (On track), Skills Goal (In Progress)

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- Education: Improve student achievement in school, college, and career readiness by 25% by the end of 2015
- Skills: Increase the number of Marylanders who receive skills training by 20% by the end of 2018
- Supporting Student Success
 - Academic Supports – Proactive academic advising, learning communities and other cohort models, and accelerated/contextualized remediation
 - Social and Civil Supports – High expectations, positive relationships, college know-how, service-learning/ leadership development
 - Basic Supports – Financial aid, emergency funds, healthcare, college-friendly employment, access to food, housing, transportation, child care
- The Other Statistics
 - 1/5 of students who begin in community college graduate with an associate's degree within three years, while over 7/10 young people from high income families earn a bachelor's degree

Review and Discussion of Credentialed by 26: State Policy Recommendations

- Purpose: To help transition from high school to further life.
- On what were the policy scans based?
 - Interviews with 10 practitioners in Maryland
 - Experience with Montgomery County Credentialed by 26 website
 - National best practices
- #5: College 411? 81 page document on information of universities in Maryland. On the ground: a valuable tool; however, not offered to all schools.
- #12: SNAP program is in the process of losing funding
- Use this as a starting block? Yes (19), No (3)
 - Concerns: What is our focus? There are many questions. Can we add on? There is also vagueness in the recommendations.

Where are MD school systems?

- Consolidation: Communication across the board.
- Offices of College Counselling
- Naviance accounts/ Accuplacer: online portal for college. How is this implemented in schools?
- Financial Literacy: AP Economics v. practical economics. How can we create opportunities in the community to access this information?
- College and Career Research

Final Thoughts

- One main hub for all information regarding life transitions (including how to use a dishwasher): mdtransition.org.
- Senate bill that is trying to rid the Anne Arundel Student Member on the Board of Education of his/ her voting rights -> Opinion Letter dissenting this bill's approval.

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Next Steps

- Look out for bills (legislative involvement).
- Come up with potential question for a survey.

Next Meeting

February 22, 2014 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm at the Essex Branch Library - 1110 Eastern Boulevard
Essex, MD 21221