



Next Champions Committee Meeting

May 3, 2023

10:00am - 11:30am

Next

Members Present - Michael Caldwell, Crystal Garriga, Megan Griffith, Haley Hansen, Maranda Heckler, Alex Herrboldt, Kit Kuran, Lyn Love, Katie Miles, Tyler Monk, Jackie Silver, Brian Stebbins, Sammee Thacker

Welcome and Introductions

Next Director Haley Hansen opened the meeting at 10:02am and asked all attendees to introduce themselves, share their organization, and how long they have been affiliated with Next.

Review of Next Champions

Director Haley Hansen reviewed the ultimate goal and purpose of what Next Champions is; The Next Champions Council (NCC) is the advisory board committee for Next in Clark County, providing community and agency feedback and guidance for the center's programming and growth. The NCC is composed of community-based organizations and meaningful local partners who can contribute to the Next ecosystem of services.

Next Director Haley Hansen discussed the prior goals that were decided by the NCC in the prior meeting and opened the floor for discussion to update these goals. Tyler Monk from The Underdog Mentality had an idea of focusing goals on Awareness, Access, and Attainment. Jackie Silver from YWCA asked for a reminder as to what Next is and services provided for new members who may not know fully what Next does.

Floor was open for feedback surrounding what Next does well and what can be improved upon, and how this can be used to update our NCC goals. Areas for improvement that were discussed included participant recruitment and retainment, setting expectations for young adults, more workshops, and how to retain staff.

Next Updates

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DESIGN YOUR FUTURE

Director Haley Hansen shared information on SummerWorks programming starting up and discussed internships. Crystal Garriga from Clark County Juvenile Courts shared concern about lack of worksites available and wanted to strategize how we can improve upon this.

The floor was open for ideas surrounding how to bring in potential referrals for SummerWorks Programming and Next in general. Brainstorming ideas were to outreach to alternative schools in the area, career guidance specialists, and TRiO could assist as well.

Jackie Silver from YWCA mentioned the WIOA Request for Proposal results and how this could impact staff turnover in the upcoming months. Next Director Haley Hansen acknowledged this upcoming transition and mentioned ensuring our young adults are still taken care of is of utmost importance during this time and we are working on successful transition planning and change management.

Questions/Open Discussion

The floor was open for any questions and/or other discussion topics.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, Next Director Haley Hansen adjourned the meeting at 11:24am.