Hartford OPPORTUNITY YOUTH Collaborative

Steering Committee Meeting June 20, 2016 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

AGENDA

1. Introductions	All	12:00 noon
2. Welcome from the Chair	Mayor Bronin	12:10 pm
3. Mental Health & Opportunity Youth	Wheeler Clinic	12:25 pm
4. Reflections from Chicago	Youth Leaders	12:45 pm
5. Progress to Date	Kim Oliver	1:00 pm
6. Updates & Next Steps	All	1:15 pm
7. Adjournment	Mayor Bronin	1:30 pm

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CHAIR PERSON: Mayor Luke Bronin

MEMBERS

Achieve Hartford! ANT/Value in You Asnuntuck Community College **Billings Forge Community Works** Blue Hills Civic Association Boys and Girls Club of Hartford Capital Community College Capital Workforce Partners **Capitol Region Education Council** Career Resources/STRIVE Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford Center for Children's Advocacy Center for Latino Progress City of Hartford Compass / Peacebuilders CT Association of Human Services **CT** Central State University CT Department of Children and Families CT Department of Corrections CT Judicial Branch (CSSD) **CT** Juvenile Justice Alliance CT State Colleges and Universities Hartford Adult Education Hartford Behavioral Health

Hartford Communities That Care Hartford Consortium for Higher Education Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Hartford Job Corps Hartford Police Department Hartford Public Library Hartford Public Schools Hispanic Health Council JAG Connecticut Leadership Greater Hartford - Third Age Initiative Metro Hartford Alliance Move Up! Our Piece of the Pie **Project Longevity** STRIVE Hartford The Village for Children and Families United Way of Central and Northeastern CT Urban League of Greater Hartford URISE Wheeler Clinic Workforce Solutions Collaborative of Metro Hartford YMCA of Greater Hartford YWCA Hartford Region

BACKGROUND

Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative is chaired by the Mayor of Hartford and made up of leaders in education, youth development, and workforce development committed to addressing the needs of Opportunity Youth. This collective impact effort will help these youth obtain their high school diploma, continue their education, and find employment.

AGENDA

12:00 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions
12:30 p.m.	Two-Generational Strategies for School & Workforce Readiness
12:50 p.m.	Hartford Coalition for Education and Talent
1:10 p.m.	Progress to Date
1:15 p.m.	Announcements
1:25 p.m.	Adjournment

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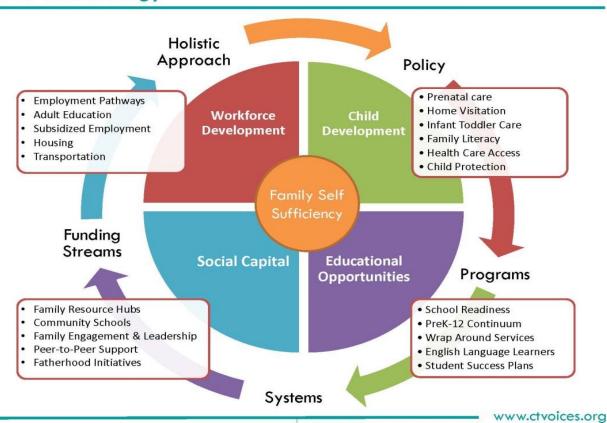
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KEY OBSERVATIONS & CONCLUSIONS

Sarah Dudzic, Director of Move Up!, a collaborative effort among adult education providers, workforce training programs and community colleges to improve adult literacy services in the Capital Region of Connecticut, presented on Connecticut's and the region's two-generational strategies for school and workforce readiness to help parents work and children thrive. She shared that 28% of Hartford families with children up to age six does not have parent in the workforce. However, by the year 2025, roughly 70% of jobs in Connecticut will require some level of post-secondary education or training. Sarah noted that Connecticut's two-generational strategy and policy paradigm includes policy, program and systems change; it is not a program alone, but an approach that builds efficacy and capacity for child, parent and community, together. Consequently, in June, 2015, the Connecticut General Assembly allocated funding (initially \$4 million but subsequently cut to \$2.8 million) in the Implementer's Bill to fund 6 Two-Generational pilot sites including one in Greater Hartford (Hartford, East Hartford, and West Hartford). There will be three 2Gen Hubs - one in Hartford, East Hartford, and West Hartford – with a cradle to career family navigator (2Gen specialist) that will intentionally working with the parent and child together so that the child is ready for school success and the parents are ready to succeed jobs that pay family-sustaining wages.



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• Paul Holzer, Executive Director of Achieve Hartford!, presented on Hartford's Coalition for Education and Talent with a goal to increase the percentage of Hartford youth completing post-secondary credentials by 20% in 2025 and close the talent gap experienced by employers in our region. The Coalition will align cross-sector efforts (public, private, business, nonprofit, and otherwise) that support and serve Hartford youth towards achieving the goal of post-secondary education completion and ensure the efficient use of resources in our city. Coalition members will be held accountable through (1) a compact of accountability amongst coalition members, (2) creation of a data dashboard tracking progress towards the goal, (3) public reporting on progress, efficient use of resources, and agency responses to gaps and inefficiencies, and (4) creation of public demand.

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Ready

- College Supports Network (college prep provided by nonprofits and universities)
- Hartford Promise scholarship services
- HSIP experience
- HOYC programming
- HPS High School Centers
 of Innovation
- SYEP
- Youth Service Corps
- Career Pathways Project
- Jobs for America's Graduates

Enroll

- College Supports Network (college prep provided by nonprofits and universities)
- Hartford Promise scholarship services
- Jobs for America's Graduates
- HOYC transition services

Persist and Complete

- College Supports Network (college prep provided by nonprofits and universities)
- Hartford Promise scholarship services
- INROADS
- University Student Support Services
- Jobs for America's Graduates

Enter Workforce

- HOYC Career Navigators
- Generation Hartford
 Jobs for America's Graduates
- Metro Hartford Alliance
 programs

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in June 2016.



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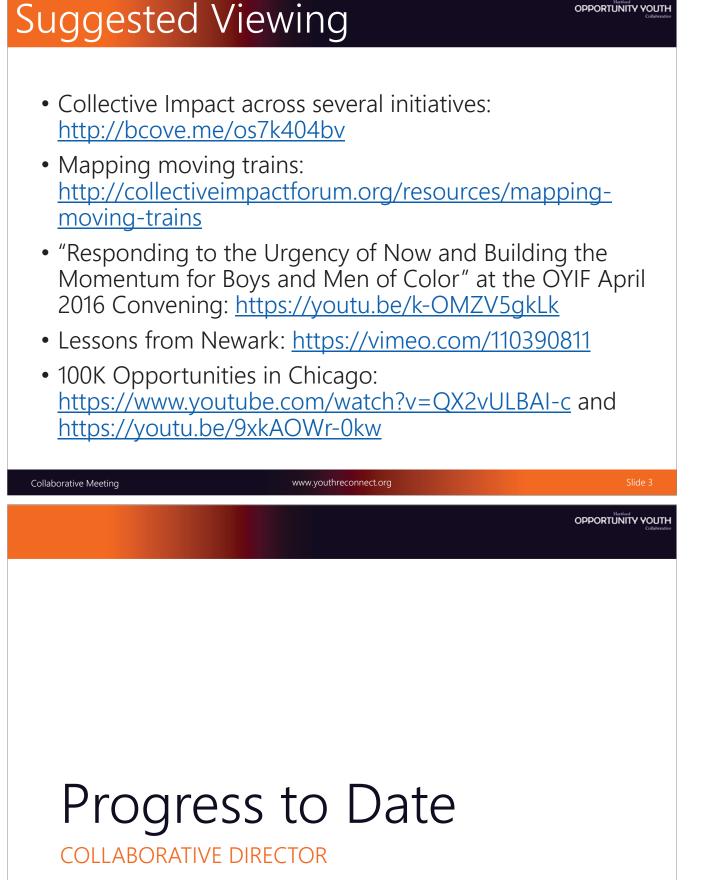
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Today's Agenda

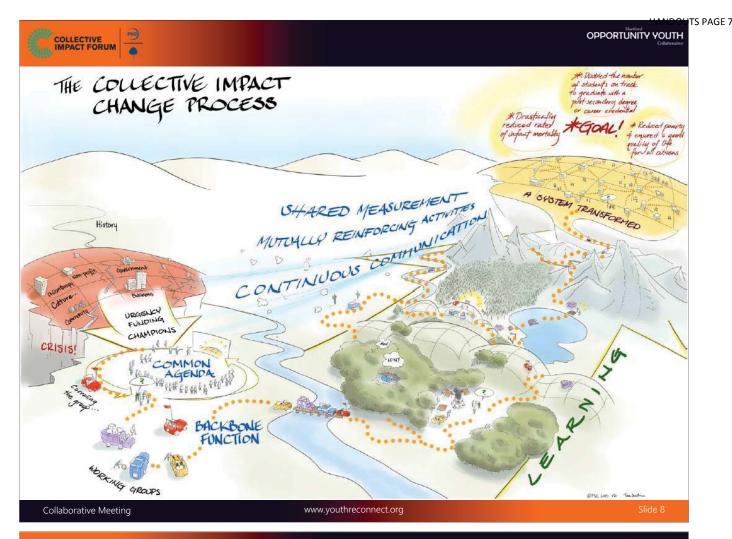
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Reconnect youth to success

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In order to reconnect youth to success, we are implementing a comprehensive plan that integrates system and program building in education, youth development, and workforce development to decrease the number of youth disconnected from education and employment in Hartford.

MUTUALLY-REINFORCING ACTIVITIES

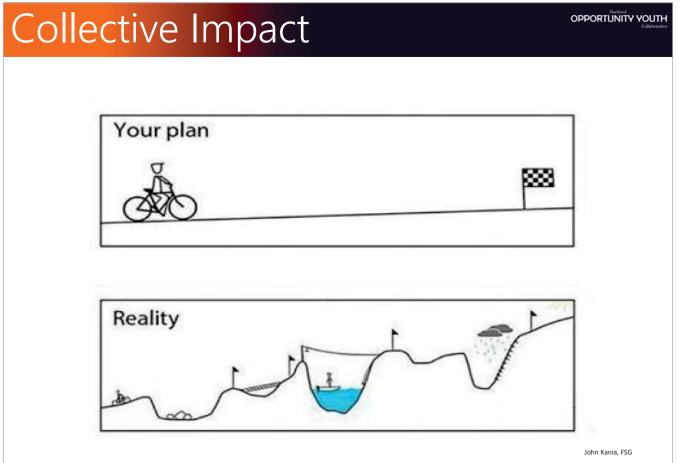
- Implementing the <u>education and</u> <u>career pathway system</u> to build effective pathways to success.
- Using <u>Results-Based Accountability</u> (RBA) to inform decision-making and assess progress.
- Empowering <u>youth leaders</u> to advise, advocate, and lead solutions for themselves, their peers, and their community.
- Advocating for <u>supportive policies</u> to resolve system barriers and increase the adoption, replication, and scaling up of effective practices.
- Supporting and sustaining innovation by <u>leveraging resources</u>.

2015-2016 Progress

PILLARS	ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Collaborating for impact	\checkmark Commitment of engagement from key systems leaders to join collaborative	
Building effective pathways	 Increased number of youth in key sub-populations participating in foundation programs Guidelines and protocols for determining the best entry points for youth based on criteria such as barriers, need, etc. Web-based digital map of career pathway training and services for Opportunity Youth 	
Using data to guide decisions and assess impact	Guidelines and, if needed, modifications to data systems to capture RBA system performance measures from partners	
Leveraging funding to support and sustain innovation	 Robust funders' collaborative focusing on alignment and investment opportunities to increase education and employment gains for Opportunity Youth Public funds aligned to the priorities of HOYC Meeting with City Council to discuss Opportunity Youth 	
Creating policy and systems alignment	 Public reporting of strategies for Opportunity Youth in partnership with key stakeholders (i.e. Move Up!, MBK Hartford, etc.) System meeting(s) on Opportunity Youth on education and how to best serve targeted subpopulations with Hartford Public Schools, Adult Education, and CT State Colleges & Universities Career pathway system report targeting local and state agencies and policy makers 	

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What is going well?



What tools help to break through?

Memorandums of Understanding **Building capacity** through outside technical assistance providers Identifying best Identifying and practices among achieving initiative quick wins in members and order to then scaling maintain them across the momentum entire group FSG COLLECTIVE IMPACT FORUM www.youthreconnect.org **Collaborative Meeting**

How can we keep momentum?

- It is easy to get stuck trying to get things just right, like agreeing on very specific goals and initiatives.
- While it's important to have an overall shared direction and agenda, it's not helpful to get **stuck in analysis paralysis**.
- Use terms like "hypotheses," "working goals," and "good enough" to **keep moving forward** effectively
- We will **refine** our goals and our analysis over time.

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