

**BYLAWS
of the
DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH INITIATIVE**

Article I: Name. The name of this organization shall be Douglas County Youth Initiative (the “Youth Initiative”).

Article II: Purpose. The purpose of the Youth Initiative is to unite the Douglas County community, including youth, parents, agencies, governments, schools, nonprofits and other adults, in our mutual efforts to:

- Identify gaps and collaborate effectively to create a seamless continuum of services.
- Advocate for system improvements that will better serve youth and families of Douglas County.
- Support youth and encourage their contributions to the broader community.
- Effectively intervene with youth who are endangered by their decisions and/or situation.
- Support and expand opportunities for youth to express viewpoints.
- Support parents and caregivers with resources, education and unconditional care.

These goals shall be achieved by means of programs as determined by the Advisory Board, which may include, but are not limited to, Youth Congress, the WrapAround program, and a Day of Service.

Article III: Advisory Board.

Section 1: Composition. Each funding entity for the Youth Initiative shall appoint one or more representatives to serve on the Youth Initiative Advisory Board. When any member of the Advisory Board is unable to continue as a member, the funding entity shall appoint a replacement member to fill the vacancy on the Advisory Board.

Section 2: Duties of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall oversee the operations of the Youth Initiative. Such duties shall include the following:

- Programmatic guidance to the Program Manager of the Youth Initiative;
- Along with Douglas County, annual approval of the Youth Initiative budget;
- Review and monitoring of the operations of the Youth Initiative in order to ensure achievement of the purposes of the Youth Initiative;
- Consultation and advisement regarding employment of the Youth Initiative Program Manager as well as employment and/or contracts of other Youth Initiative staff;
- Make recommendations to Douglas County as the employer of the Youth Initiative Program Manager and the fiscal agent for the Youth Initiative as

to Program Manager performance, fiscal matters, and Youth Initiative operations; and

- Make recommendations to the Partnership of Douglas County Governments as to the overall operations and funding of the Youth Initiative.

Section 3: Officers. The Advisory Board shall select from among its ranks officers in the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the Advisory Board deems necessary.

Section 4: Duties of the Officers. The duties of the officers shall be those established by the Advisory Board and shall include the following:

- President: Set the agenda for meetings, in conjunction with the Youth Initiative Program Manager; chair meetings and facilitate discussion
- Vice President: Perform the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President
- Secretary: Oversee records of the Advisory Board; record meeting activities, votes, and proceedings; generate and distribute meeting minutes
- Treasurer: Oversee financial records of the Youth Initiative and periodically report on the financial condition of the Youth Initiative to the Advisory Board on at least a quarterly basis.

Section 5: Election or Appointment of Officers. Officers shall be elected on an annual basis at the first regular meeting of each calendar year or at such time as members of the Advisory Board shall in its discretion determine. In the event of a vacancy during the year or in the event that the representative appointed by a funding entity to serve as a member of the Youth Initiative Advisory Board and who has been elected to serve as an Officer shall cease to be a member of the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board shall elect a successor from its membership at the next regular meeting and such successor shall serve the unexpired term of the office.

Article IV: Primary Operations. The Youth Initiative Program Manager shall be an employee of Douglas County and shall office in such location as established in the discretion of Douglas County. Douglas County shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Youth Initiative and shall be authorized to staff the Youth Initiative as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and function of the Youth Initiative as set by the Advisory Board.

Article V: Meetings of the Advisory Board.

Section 1: Regular Meetings. The Advisory Board shall meet no less than quarterly.

Section 2: Special Meetings. The President of the Board may, when s/he deems it expedient, and shall, upon written request of three Board members, call a special meeting for the purpose of conducting business designated in the call. Notice of special meetings shall be delivered to Board members no less than two business days prior to such meeting. Business

conducted as special meetings shall be limited to that designated in the call, unless all members of the Board are present.

Section 3: Quorum. Action by the Advisory Board shall only take place if a quorum is present. A quorum of the Advisory Board shall consist of a simple majority of the funding entities of the Youth Initiative. If a funding entity has appointed more than one representative to serve on the Advisory Board, only one representative shall count for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum of the Advisory Board.

Section 4: Meeting Attendance. When a member of the Advisory Board is unable to attend a meeting, the funding entity may appoint an alternate to participate in the decision making processes on behalf of the member jurisdiction.

Article VI: Amendments to the Bylaws. The bylaws of the Youth Initiative shall be amended only with the approval of a majority of the Advisory Board at a regular or special meeting, but no such amendment shall be adopted unless at least five business days written notice thereof has been previously been given to all members of the Advisory Board.

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