# Meeting Minutes

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**Youth Justice Steering Committee.**

**Tuesday 15th July 2020**

**Via Online Platform Zoom**

**Facilitator:** Tim Candler

**Secretariat:** Amy Blair

**Attendees:** Kevin Banbury, Alyne Fry-Croydon, John Fitz, Stewart Wiley, Brent Warren

**Apologies:** Norman Frank, Kym Brahim

**Groups Purpose**

The group spent some time discussing the purpose of the steering committee, with the below themes being discussed:

* Having a successful alternative from formal detention
* Referral Pathways
* Captures and shows community and youth input
* Cultural connectivity, TO and elders
* Service connectivity, ensuring all services in TC are working closely together., i.e health, education
* Steering Committee being an agile group to set strategic direction for groundwork, “engine room” to help feed into the decision made by the bigger group
* Support the development of practise and theory
* Support ownership of the project in the community and with youth
* Linking family and cultural connection to those in facilities, mentoring from elders
* Steering Committee to be facilitators to get information to and from the community
* Inform government, support the procurement of a local service provider. Someone from the WG to join the assessment panel.

**What does success look like?**

* A model that meets the needs.
* Local people see that the input that they provide is evident
* Engaging local families in the process and the planning
* Support government through procurement, select tender process to suitable provider
* Program design that is well informed by local and young people
* Local solutions & removing stigma
* Working through challenges together
* Local decision making, voice from elders, aboriginal community and youth

Membership

It was acknowledged that there needed to be additional people brought into the steering committee.

The below community members were nominated to be apart of the Steering Committee.

* Patricia Frank, noting that she has been an advocate for this service for a long time.
* John Fritz, currently support Barkly youth in detention
* Dean Gooda
* Heather Wilson, an elder from the Elliot community who is passionate about YJ
* A young person who has had experience in the youth justice setting- Stewart to identify and mentor.
* Kelly Cooper/Deb Bennett – from Territory Families, have experience in this area, would only bring one.

It was noted that there could be a core group which would then be able to bring in expertise when needed.

Both Michelle and Stewart stated that they were willing to step away from the table to allow for more local aboriginal voices, noting that they were happy to continue to play a supporting or mentoring role to those who need it. I.e. Stewart to support a young person who comes on and Michelle can provide support to Alyne.

**Next Steps:**

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|  | Action Item | Responsibility | Timeframe/Update |
| 1 | Reach out to those nominated around joining the steering committee and provide background | Backbone Team | Completed |
| 2 | To identify a young person who has had experience with YJ | Stewart Wiley | By next Meeting |
| 3 | Michelle to provide mentoring support to Alyne | Michelle and Alyne | Ongoing |
| 4 | Agreement to hold another Steering Committee prior to the larger working group. Hold another Steering Committee meeting in 2 weeks. | Steering Committee and Backbone Team | Completed |
| 5 | Steering Committee to revisit presentation completed by TF from last WG | Brent Warren | To occur at next meeting |