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Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths (RAACD)

Date: September 18, 2024

2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

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1321 Garden Hwy, Sacramento, CA 95833

Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Members Present: Debra Cummings, Dr. Ethan Cutts, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Paris Dye, Linda Fong-Somera, Keith Herron, Chet P. Hewitt, Stephanie Hopkins, Kim Pearson, Tina Roberts, Kim Williams, Chief Marlon Yarber

Steering Committee Members not present: Chief Bobby Davis, Pastor Robert Jones, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Shannon Shaw

The Center staff: Erica Allen, Jedida Gomes, EdDrianna Marshall, Persiasymone Simmons

Guests:

Meeting Summary

Meeting Started: 2:23 p.m.

Steering Committee Member Roll Call

Erica Allen, BCLC Senior Program Associate, Local Initiatives

Welcome and Updates

Chet P. Hewitt, Chair

- I. Kim Pearson, RAACD Steering Committee
 - a. County launching program for BCLC families in certain zip codes, 200 families to be chosen
 - b. Partners to help families apply: Roberts Family, Rose Family, SSCC, Sacramento Housing Children's Home, MAN



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- i. Must be 200% under poverty line
- II. *Keith Herron, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. Amazing Joy program @ Umoja Academy
 - i. Partnered w/ counselors
- III. *Kim Williams, RAACD Steering Committee*
- IV. *Debra Cummings, RAACD Steering Committee*
- V. *Tina Roberts, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. RFDC 24th anniversary in October
 - b. New BCLC Program Manager- Bobbi Atkins
 - c. RFDC now a wellness hub, CWH launch event on 9/19
- VI. *Dr. Ethan Cutts, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. now has approval to start building new hospital near Sacramento Railyards (projected to finish in 2030)
 - b. Very first purely electric hospital
- VII. *Julie Davis-Jaffe, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. SETA job center clients growing,
- VIII. *Chief Marlon Yarber, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. Elk Grove one of the 4 sites to receive grants OICR + Vera Institute to end girls' incarceration
 - b. Moving closer to opening a youth alternative center (avoiding detention)
- IX. *Linda Fong-Somera, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. First5 started 1st year of new strategic plan
- X. *Chet P. Hewitt, Chair*
 - a. Return from Sabbatical
 - b. All Steering Committee members re-appointed to seats as of June 2024

Town Hall Data

Jedida Gomes, BCLC Sr. Program Officer

- I. Data gathered from community's feedback, subcommittee will analyze results
- II. Four town halls across the seven CIL sites:
 - a. Meadowview + South Sacramento Center
 - b. Fruitridge/Stockton + Oak Park
 - c. Liberty Towers
 - d. Roberts Family + Mutual Assistance Network



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- III. Biggest issues: housing, transportation, mental health, lack of knowledge about BCLC and services, employment opportunities for youth, youth mentorship + programs, prenatal care and teen pregnancy (Del Paso Heights in particular), educating the community on public health, outreach
- IV. *Kim Pearson, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. would love to have identified resources for the community (i.e. grants)
- V. *Chief Marlon Yarber, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. "Probation and repairing relationships with community"
 - b. Conversations with Sac State around restorative justice, victim/offender reconciliation
- VI. Many mentions of youth employment being needed by community during town halls
- VII. *Keith Herron, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. "Maybe a BCLC text line for resources"
 - i. Circulation of resource information for public (BCLC 211)

Discuss 8th Site

Alyssa Mullins, Ph.D., Applied Survey Research

- I. 7 current CIL sites (data from 2021)
- II. Narrowed down to two for possible 8th site (95670- Rancho Cordova, 95608-Carmichael)
- III. Conclusions of presentation
 - a. Current focus areas are good, but zip codes both inside and outside of current range could benefit from a CIL site
 - b. In order to become a CIL site, area needs an established organization willing to take on the role
- IV. *Jedida Gomes, BCLC Sr. Program Officer*
 - a. Many people have to travel to sites from outside zip codes to get resources
 - b. Need result/plan solidified by first quarter of 2025
- V. *Kim Pearson, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. Need more outlier pockets, should consider using a mobile unit that supports the work for the top zip code
- VI. *Chet P. Hewett, Chair*
 - a. The maps should be color-coded to see the CIL zip codes better
- VII. *Dr. Ethan Cutts, RAACD Steering Committee*



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- a. Rancho Cordova doesn't have a community organization
- VIII. *Debra Cummings, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. Other sites may need to assist the new site as capacity is built with the new organization.
- IX. *Keith Herron, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. Center of Praise as a possible location/organization
 - i. *Stephanie Hopkins, Co-Chair*
 - a. Mather as another possible location/organization
- X. *Paris Dye, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - RE: Carmichael- Liberty Towers can support with serving this zip code. May want to consider adding 95608 as a priority zip code to LT

BOS Letter

Chet P. Hewitt, Chair

Stephanie Hopkins, Co-Chair

New Member Voting

Chet P. Hewitt, Chair

Stephanie Hopkins, Co-Chair

Jedida Gomes, BCLC Sr. Program Officer

- I. Jasmine Brosnan- applied for Child Abuse Prevention Council seat
 - a. Unanimous 'aye', officially in
- II. Franschelle Brown- applied for Civic Groups
 - a. Unanimous 'aye', officially in
- III. Yolanda Stevenson- applied for Housing Advocate
 - a. Unanimous 'aye', officially in
- IV. Committee decided to postpone voting for Advocate and Parent Representative seats

Public Comment and Announcement

- I. Board Of Supervisors meeting- October 22nd
 - a. BCLC swag to come for Steering Committee members
- II. BCLC retreat- October 25th-October 27th

Meeting Adjourned: 4:07 p.m.



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