



Attendees: Derrick Byrd, Jerry Dodson, Jason Demuynck, Ashley Fields, Lidia Tamarit, Courtney Wilson, Sue Blaeser, Willa Castevens, Bernadine Walden, Tangela Keaton, Susan Gardener, Emma D’Allaird, Tyara Morrison, Brandon Anderson, Michael Taylor, Kat Reher, Mikia Williams, Tamara Perkins, Vielka Gabriel, Clif Lavenhouse, Kristin Feierabend, Christal Toodle, Rodney Poole, Joan Shepherd, Robin McWilliams, Tai Rochelle, Susanne Berger

Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes-

- Meeting called to order by Diana Powell and Priscilla Awkard at 9:30 AM.

Executive Committee Report

- The Executive Team found that the time of the executive meetings is not conducive to executive committee members’ schedules. The committee will now meet on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.
- The Residents’ meetings are canceled until the executive team proposes a new meeting time.

Information Presentation NeighborHealth- Susanne Berger

- See attachment for the NeighborHealth presentation

Wake County Dental Clinic - Susan Blaeser

- The Wake County dental clinic serves children ages 0-20 and accepts Medicaid, insured and uninsured patients. There is a sliding fee scale. Through the medical access grant Wake County can provide dental coverage at no charge to families that qualify.
- Susan explained the importance of having a primary dental home and urges all her patients to get one. She also urges families to pay attention to the sugar contents of foods and drinks they serve children. Children who consume more sugary food and drinks tend to have more cavities.
- Geraldine asked about braces for young children. Susan replied that orthodontists usually wait until children turn 13 and get their permanent teeth to put on braces. Geraldine also asked how Susan feels about fluoride. Susan replied that in her experience she has noticed more cavities in families that don’t drink fluoride water.

NC State Department of Social Work- Kim Stansbury & Willa Castevens

- See attachment for the NC State Department of Social Work presentation

Lobby Day Update – Joshua Bishop & Michael Taylor

- May 7th 9:30 AM-4 PM at 16 W Jones St. is Lobby Day where community residents come together to address the causes of criminal records and barriers they create to successful reentry.
- The goal of the Justice Center is to help individuals reenter society after incarceration. They may also help with expungement of records and waiving legal fees.
- The collaborative work of the community is essential to the work that reentry is doing. The Justice Center committee also offers motivational and empowerment speaking to young adults.
- The NC Justice Center meets every Monday at the Lighthouse located at 202 Tarboro Rd. Also, the committee asks that any blanket donations be sent to Michael Taylor iamcalledbygod@gmail.com or Diana Powell at daplaw123@yahoo.com

Wake County Reentry Presentation – Jason Demuynck & Ashley Fields

- The Reentry program assists any justice involved individuals that are Wake County residents post incarceration. They are open to walk-ins but prefer that you call and schedule an appointment. Currently the focus is on individuals who were released in the past 10 months.
- The challenges that individuals reentering society after incarceration face are high legal fees that can result in re-incarceration, lack of housing and transitional housing and lack of proper interview attire. There is also a need for a storage unit to hold all clothing donations. The reentry program asks that any clothing donations or information on storage units be directed to Ashley Fields atfields@ncsu.edu or Jason Demuynck jcdemuyn@ncsu.edu or Bernadine Walden bwalden@frcsa.org

Child Abuse Prevention Month Speech- Tameka Douglas

- Tameka Douglas delivered a powerful speech to highlight April as Child Abuse Prevention month entitled “Far Too Many”.
- Children who were abused are 9x more likely to engage in criminal activity. 30% of neglected and abused children will abuse their own children.
- To prevent child abuse we must raise awareness, educate the community, and recognize that connection as well as knowledge matters.

Social & Economic Vitality Update Verna P. Best, SEV Program Manager

General Operations

- The Grassroots Nonprofit Leadership Academy is in their 4th week of classes. There are 16 organizations enrolled.
- It is likely the expansion request for basic operation funding will not be funded.
- Crosby Community Day is July 19th and the inclement weather date is August 2nd. The planning meetings begin in May. Any community residents, organizations or partners that offer community services interested in having a booth or table, please contact Stephanie Sims at 919-856-6167 or stephanie.sims@wakegov.com
- The Kaleidoscope garden is coming to Crosby. This project aims to build resilience in children from birth to age 8 by using nature to nurture. There will be a pollinator garden in the beginning phases of the project that will expand around the building and feature SE Raleigh history and rainwater storage. This will be a collaborative project that the community helps sustain.

Residents will get to decide on which plants will be included in the garden through a poll in an upcoming SEV newsletter.

- The SEV Child Abuse Prevention Month committee pulled off a wonderful Go Blue Day on April 5th. Special thanks to Tamara Perkins, Emma D’Allaird, Dynasty Winters, Stephanie Sims, and HeadStart for making the beautiful blue banners. Also thanks to Learning Together for helping to get the word out to families.
- May is Foster Care Awareness month. **The next CAG meeting will be held at NC Works Career Center at 1830 Tillery Place B.** NCWorks Career Center will give the CAG a tour of the building, introduction to resources and then the regular CAG meeting will follow. After the meeting, residents are encouraged to return to Crosby to plant a gold pinwheel in honor of Foster Care Awareness Month.
- The next Board of Commissioners meeting is on May 6th at [Wake County Justice Center, 301 S. McDowell St., Room 2700](http://www.wakegov.com/commissioners/Pages/schedule.aspx) . You can find more meeting dates on their website at <http://www.wakegov.com/commissioners/Pages/schedule.aspx> .
- Joan Shepherd introduced herself to the CAG, her program offers respite care and 1 on 1 assistance. For more information please contact jshepherd@SEHCNC.org
- Rodney Poole, a prevention specialist of [FCD Prevention Works](http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/locations/crosby/Pages/Crosby-Garfield-CAG.aspx), rpoole437@yahoo.com , introduced himself to the CAG as well. He works to educate youth through his life experiences and formal education to reduce teen age use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Action Team Updates

- Action team updates can be found [here](#) or on the website [here](#) or at <http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/locations/crosby/Pages/Crosby-Garfield-CAG.aspx>.

Upcoming Programs at the Crosby-Garfield Center

- The job fair at Crosby is the 3rd week in May in partnership with FNSET.
- April 22nd from 4-7 PM is the Wake County Cooperative Extension 4H enrollment at 4001 Cary Dr.

Adjourn

Next CAG meeting: May 21, 9:30
at NC Works Career Center at 1830 Tillery Place B