



Attendees: Nikki McDougald, Bianca Vilanoun, Robin McWilliams, Clif Lavenhouse, Susan Blaeser, Lori Krzeszenski, Fuances Bisby, Christal Toodle, Derrick Byrd, Gretchel Hinton, DeAnna Jackson, Tamera Perkins, Vielka Gabriel, Kristen Feierabend

Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes-Priscilla Awkard, Chair

- Clif Lavenhouse moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Derrick Byrd.

Executive Committee Report

Information Presentation Tuition Assistance -Dr. Qiana Cryer-Coupet, Assistant Professor, NC State Department of Social Work

- Tuition assistance is available for the opioid addiction therapy training. This has become an important focus because of the high rate of opioid addiction in North Carolina.
- There are multiple classes offered under this certification like recovering journey, trauma and health, etc.
- Follow this link for more information
https://socialwork.chass.ncsu.edu/academic_programs/addiction_recovery_specialization.php
Courses are available beginning September 2021.

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

Update on SEV Facebook page

- The goal for the SEV Facebook page moving forward will be to engage and interact with more followers. There are currently 89 members- to increase membership the page will be promoted more heavily.
- All members and supporters should engage and promote the SEV social media group.
- Kristin pointed out that the Facebook group is a great tool for building a relationship with the communication. In response to an attendee she brought up the point of having a Facebook group vs. Facebook page. She explained that with the group they could engage more people while being a community driven page.
- Stephanie and Dynasty are both administrators of the page. This allows for content to be reviewed before placed into the Facebook group. In order to post and share content, you must be a member of the group. However, you can still view the page if you are not a member.
- There has been a request to go live during CAG meetings/this is feasible so long as we have permission from everyone in room before doing so.
- The ultimate reason for having a social media presence is to get community to be involved. Ultimately SEV wants to be able to use the group to get feedback via polls, etc.

Action Team Update

- Training for Upward Mobility- TUM wants to engage and define opportunity youth as well as working with the school system to upgrade trade programs to make them more uplifting. Another focus is education & employment.
- Racial Equity and Social Justice- RESJ's November meeting focused on defining equity and reaching a common understanding. Also, the continuation of the Raise the Age forums.
- Community Leadership Action Team- The last meeting was held to connect to the overall SEV mission, starting a leadership road map, meet & greets in the community and what to focus on in 2020.

Upcoming Programs

- On January 9 a basic culinary program will begin to be offered at the Crosby Center. Class size is limited to 12-15 people. Transportation will be provided along with childcare, hoping to eliminate any barriers people may have to participate. The goal for graduates is to be employed shortly after completing.
- SEV is still moving forward with the Kaleidoscope project and John Rex are still willing to work with us. There are some issues but still working. Meetings will begin in January.
- We will be hiring 4 Vistas: Eastern, SEV, ACES, Food Security VISTA applications. Postings will go back out for the ACES positions and will continue to look for others. If you know someone interested, please refer them to SEV.
- There will be two FTE Program Assistants, one will work in SE Raleigh and the other in Eastern. Interviews are scheduled to take place in January 2020. IF candidates are not a good fit, then we will continue to look for those to hire to ensure we have someone who honors community. We will provide ongoing updates.
- GNLA (Grassroots Nonprofit Leadership Academy) will be next year. SEV would like to alternate this course in the EAST.
- CCERC (Community Counseling Education and Research Center wants to expand starting January 2020 for more evening hour options.

Community Partner Updates:

- January 9 will be the convening of the faith partners breakfast. Our Faith partners reach community members regularly and have a regular convening of their members. This will give SEV an opportunity to plug in.
- On December 24 there is a Petting Zoo service at 2 and 4pm at Capital Church on Highway 70.
- Vielka thanked everyone for the toys donated for Pride for Parents. The referral form made the process much easier. Next year hopefully we can put more of an effort a we'd like to see more families taking advantage of this. SEV will write an article to put it in the newsletter. Need to be able to push that out, so that we can make next year's goal occur.
- Kramden wrapped up last week. Congratulations to all graduates! We are hoping to bring STEM Camps here for next year.
- Also, thank you for responding to the survey. Will share that information with you in January.
- Coffee is here in the back if you would like some. The last meeting of the year, thank you all. Looking forward to having laser focused 2020 vision next year. Have a safe holiday season.

Adjourn.

Next CAG meeting: January 21 9:30 AM

