



**Attendees:** 37 attendees via Zoom Conferencing

**Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes**-Verna Best, SEV Program Manager

- Preliminary remarks and instructions were given in advance of notification that the meeting is being recorded.

**Information Presentation** Bernadine Anthony-Census 2020

- Bernadine is the faith-based representative for the state of North Carolina. We are all in this together is the theme for the Census 2020.
- It's very important to get an accurate count with over \$765 billion distributed annually. Numbers received from the County will be delivered to the President in December.
- The homeless, renters that move frequently, veterans, elderly and children under the age of 5 are all populations that have been historically under counted. The goal is to meet with trusted voices in the community like CAG to understand the effort it takes to reach people.
- The Census determines how lines in the districts are drawn based upon several factors.
- March 30-April 1 are a critical 3 days that the Census will send out trained individuals to count homeless populations as accurately as possible. April 1st is the official Census day. Wherever you are on April 1st or majority of the time is where you should be counted. May-July is when Census takers will visit the homes that have not responded to the Census; Census jobs are still available.
- Vielka asked about the list of churches that would like to participate or organizations that can send out messages through the US through their conferences. Bernadine responded that during the health crisis, they are live streaming their conference. This can be a way to get information out. If that is an option, Vielka would be interested in sending it out.
- Bernadine will share the video with Verna once received.
- Nikki McDougald asked via chat: I have attended some meetings where it was mentioned that in Wake County there will be "Get Counted" sites to assist people who need help with completing the census. Do you have a list of those sites and times assistance is available?
- D. Byrd added that Wake County also has that information. Some dates have been modified due to coronavirus. Verna stated that as revised information is available; we will distribute it through our CAG listing.
- Please forward any information regarding help for the community to [Stephanie Sims](#).

**Stephanie Senegal- Nurse Family Partnership**

- NFP is a home-visiting resources for first time mothers in Wake County. We do home visits as early in the pregnancy. We make sure they have good prenatal care and prepare them to be good parents, not only during pregnancy but as well as after. The goals are to improve the pregnancy outcomes. We want to improve economic self-sufficiency. NFP has over 30 years of proven results and has been piloted over many counties. Families are served until baby is 2 years of age. Mothers must be enrolled by their 28th week of pregnancy, MUST be 28 weeks.

- We receive 25 referrals a month. Each nurse has 25-30 families in their caseload. Right now, there is a bit of a waiting list.
- Childcare is an area we really hope to strengthen and fortify by creating some partnerships.
- Currently we are doing tele-help. Some families are still asking us to do visits showcasing how relationships are important.

### **Ian Parks- Youth Conference**

- Ian Parks started Afterschool Special to create opportunities for teenagers such as job shadowing, internships, etc.
- The goal of the conference is to educate teens about different pathways besides going to college.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> there will be many small nonprofits, many small businesses will be present to talk about entrepreneurship and trade jobs. We really want to create a large atmosphere. If you have any questions please reach out to [Ian Parks](#).
- Frances Bisby asked to connect. Verna will send that information out and do an e-connection between the two of you.
- Afterschool Special is looking for donors to sponsor high school teens who fall under the [McKinney-Vento Act](#). The McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.) is a federal law that addresses the needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Currently in Triangle alone we have well over 750 high school teens who fall under this act. To sponsor one teen the cost is \$30.
- <https://pledgeit.org/health-and-technology-emerging-teen-conference>
- <https://events.afterschoolspecialnow.com/> (Conference Website)
- <https://ticketbud.com/events/9b12a882-45e1-11ea-bf4d-42010a717009>. (Ticket Website)

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

- We are closer to bringing on one of the Social and Economic Vitality program assistants.
- All our partner programs have been postponed or cancelled. We will send this out via email or you can view updates on our [FB page](#).
- We want to continue to hold meetings virtually if possible, but none will be face-to-face.
- When we return to our normal schedule, we will be giving priority to programs that had to be suspended.
- Denise Spough added information on the NC Community Health Mini Grant application. American Heart Association in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield is funding \$20,000 to implement their ideas through mini grants to promote heart health in the Triangle, Triad and Charlotte. Mini grants range from \$2,500 - \$10,000 to support heart healthy policies. Deadline is March 30, 2020. Find more information here: [www.heart.org/en/affiliates/north-carolina-community-health-mini-grant-application](http://www.heart.org/en/affiliates/north-carolina-community-health-mini-grant-application)

### **Action Team Priority Strategies**

- Community Leadership Action Team: Dalia Place and Kristin Feierabend
  - Richard Brown and Clif Lavenhouse are the new co-chairs
  - Kristin stated CLAT talked about 2020 and want to focus on long-term residents who are going to be displaced. How can we help those advocates, so

displacement is less likely to happen? We meet next week via phone to talk about short-term immediate actions to support the COVID-19 response.

- Racial Equity and Social Justice: Nikki Lyons and Derrick Byrd
  - We recapped and reviewed the initial training of helping to identify and understand equity. We have been looking at what systems that contribute to inequities. We are going to work next month on the definitions of equity and propose one or two definitions based on what I am seeing so that we can come to a consensus. We'd like to get feedback from those who participated.
- Training for Upward Mobility: Verna Best
  - There have been leadership transitions. There is a tri-chair structure now including Richard Moore and Sterling Bowen to strengthen efforts around vocational trade pathways and entrepreneurial opportunities. They are beginning to work on September Workforce Development month.

**Community Partner Updates:**

- Information for meal distribution for children out of school will go out to everyone.
- We are unsure if next month's meeting will be virtual. We will keep you posted.
- LIHEAP still has funds available until March 31, apply at [wakegov.com/staywarm](http://wakegov.com/staywarm)

**Adjourn.**

**Next CAG meeting: April 21, 2020**