



Attendees: Gina Garcia Somuk, Priscilla Awkard, Deidre McCullers, Sheila Reich, Melissa Forde, Detrick Clark, Stephanie Sims, Courtney Wilson, Robin Williams, Nikki McDougald, Clif Lavenhouse, Verna Best, Dynasty Winters, Emma D’Allaird, Derrick Byrd, Kenneth Gathers, Tangela Keaton, Vielka Gabriel, Melvin Jackson, Kevin Parris, Tamara Perkins

Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes

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

Executive Committee Report

- Priscilla attended the BOC meeting and spoke on behalf of Crosby.
- Kaleidoscope met last Thursday, the garden plans are moving forward. Please take the survey here: https://ncsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6unPRlu4bvxdSCN by June 2.
- The next community day planning meeting dates are 10:00am-12:00pm on May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 17.
- The community member highlight in the SEV newsletter will need a committee that selects the winner composed of community members. More information is forthcoming.
- Follow the link to join the SEV Facebook group. You must be logged in to view the page. There will be daily updates. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WakeCountySEV/>

Information Presentation Capital Area Workforce Development Tour and Presentation- Pat Sturdivant

- Pat is responsible for the oversight and planning for the career centers in Wake and Johnston County. Tillery Place is the main career center and there are 4 other centers in partnership with Wake county, ex. Swinburne. The center primary service is connecting jobseekers to employment whether they are underemployed, out of work, business, career planning, job preparation, resume writing, etc. The goals of partnership with businesses is to connect to the talent they need and staying informed of the current job market and industry climate.
- The career center also serves youth ages 14-24 years of age. 5% of youth served are in school. Primarily they serve youth ages 17-24 that have dropped out of school. These youth can be justice involved, dropped out of school, teen parents, involved in foster care, etc.
- They also aim to provide scholarships for jobs that provide employment and OTJ training. It’s important to establish a relationship with the employer to make a better-informed referral. Using labor market data, they’re able to see high growth industries to see where to spend most of the funding. Ex. IT, healthcare, construction, skilled trades.

- 25% of funding is allocated for work experience training. 85% of federal funding is used for workforce innovation and opportunity grant (WIOA), this grant also mandates who is on the board. 51% of the board is private sector.
- Deidre mentioned that members of the population should be represented on board if these policies will affect them. Pat replied that the board sets the policies, but career centers decide the events and provide services.
- The NC Works Career center and WRAL partner for an employment fair on August 1 at the McKimmon Center. Find more information and tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wral-capital-area-career-expo-for-jobseekers-tickets-55592208793>
- Transportation is not provided however those that visit the career center may be eligible to receive bus passes.
- Veteran outreach is in the center as well and get priority. When a job is posted, for 24 hours the position is only open to veterans to view before it is released to the public.
- The center also helps homeowners, JobCorps, and Eckerd certifications. This year Pat hopes to focus more on small businesses and entrepreneurship`.
- Capital Area Career Center hosts multiple hiring events throughout the year that can be found on the website <https://capitalareancworks.com/events/>

Melissa Forde- Kaleidoscope Garden

- Kaleidoscope is made up of 5 organizations that work to improve environments to benefit the community; a community driven space and collaborative effort. This project aims to build resilience in children from birth to age 8 by using nature to nurture.
- See attached handout for more information.
- The link to the survey is : https://ncsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6unPRlu4bvxdSCN

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

General Operations

- Mrs. Geraldine expressed that often there is hypocrisy in organizations that serve the community, mission statements say one thing while staff does another. People are leaving the organizations more broken and traumatized than when they began. Customer service and honoring mission statements are important.
- 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 next meeting date is June 12th 10-12 PM. Verna mentioned that it is important to raise these concerns as well as solutions. When there is brokenness in an organization itself, it is harder to serve people. Currently, Wake County Human Services is holding the organizational reassessment survey.
- Thank you to Deidre McCullers, Clif Lavenhouse, Priscilla Awkard, and Diana Powell for attending and being present at various BOC meetings in May.
- Verna spoke with the Raleigh CAC last week about SEV and hopes to connect with the other CAC's.

- SEV will investigate providing text messaging updates to participants for reminders and such.
- We are working to implement strategic planning for SEV. The challenge has been that there is no roadmap whatsoever, and comprehensive planning is needed so that all are on the same accord. Residents will be able to join the planning.
- May is Foster Care awareness month. There are 568 children currently in foster care in Wake County. We hope to raise awareness to recruit foster parents.
- July 23rd is Take a Kid Fishing TAKF. If you have any youth interested in participating contact Vielka Vielka.gabriel@wakegov.com . Must be ages 6-16 years old.
- September is workforce development month. August 1st is the Capital Area Career Fair, we can support by providing bus passes to families. Also, we can provide career skills, employment workshops, etc.
- Crosby Summer Camp is FREE and open to children ages 8-11 years old. 25 children can participate per week and camp will be July 8th- August 2nd. Please invite volunteers and anyone in the community that provides resources.

Partner Updates

- Smart Start is having a PreK application event. Contact Nikki McDougald for more information.
- July is minority mental health month. July 19th 9-12 save the date.
- 7th Annual Fatherhood conference will be at North Raleigh Hilton. Malik Yoba will be the keynote speaker.
- Geraldine Alshamy shared that restorative circles keeper trainings are the 4th Saturdays of the month. Please encourage all service providers to attend. Also, 2nd Saturdays are circle trainings at 2125 Timber Drive at the Greater Love Hope Church.
- Advance Health will be a summer food site June 17th- August 9th. Parents will be fed as well.

Adjourn

Next CAG meeting: June 18, 2019 9:30 AM