



Attendees: 47 attendees via videoconferencing

Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Executive Team Report -Priscilla Awkard & Clif Lavenhouse, co-chairs

- Executive team positions for the Crosby Advocacy Group (CAG) have been difficult to fill.
- The best way to get community voices heard is through our executive committee and to keep them engaged on a continual basis.
- Clif L outlined a game plan and role descriptions for each position. We are working to address this.
- The group was informed that the meeting is being recorded.

Mary Phillips High School (MPHS)- Lonnie Ervin

- Mary Phillips was initially an “alternative school”. The stigmatized term “alternative” is not the best way to describe this high school. MPHS is a magnet school or a non-traditional school. All students must apply to attend.
- MPHS can focus on students who have been unsuccessful in “regular” or 2000-unit schools. There is capacity for 175 students.
- There is an active business alliance and parent teacher alliance.
- Most of students who attend are African American and Hispanic.
- Class size is 10-12 students. This gives the teaching staff more ability to focus on the students and their needs.
- MPHS has an evening program which gives them the unique ability to reach children who have other responsibilities during traditional school hours. There are after school tutors for all subjects. MPHS offers career planning and more. There is also a food pantry that services students and community residents.
- How can partners on the CAG team partner with MPHS? Contact [Lonnie Ervin](#).

St. Augustine’s University Protective Community Presentation – Birchie Warren

- Suicide is a growing public health crisis. The rate of suicide in NC has doubled over the past decade and is the 2nd leading cause among youth ages 16-24.
- There is a grant offered by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 3.5 million dollars. The grant funds will be used to develop a comprehensive suicide prevention model. Other administrative processes such as the implementation of peer support and certified action plans are included in the model. The aim is to focus on all of Wake County.
- Vulnerable groups can help identify others who may be at risk and other risk factors. They advocate for various methods a person may need to receive help.
- Wanda Hunter stated that support was garnered from other young people to express coping strategies for mental health issues. Is this program community based and can offer training to community members? Yes. Community members can be trained. This helps with personal development as well as sharing knowledge. Also, intergenerational leadership is important to keep young people involved in the conversation. Different generations suffer with different solutions.

- Suicidal ideations usually involve adverse childhood experiences and social behavior of suicide.
- They are eliciting partnerships and those interested and have a passion to impact the prevalence rate of the mortality rate of suicide should contact [Birchie Warren](#) for more information.

Wake Works Update – Bernadette McAllister

- This program offers on the job training.
- Individuals will submit an online application to begin. Learn more information here: <https://www.waketech.edu/programs-courses/wakeworks> . Contact Bernadette at bwmcallister@waketech.edu or 919-264-1708 with questions.

GoTriangle- Andy Willard

- The counties' individual transit plans will create a regional network that provides alternatives to driving on increasingly congested roads and opens up access to more job, education and health care opportunities for everyone.
- Visit <http://goforwardnc.org/> for more information. There is a delay in improvements as we wait for taxes to be assessed.
- Contact awillard@gotriangle.org for more information.

Front to Back 9- Darryel Washington

- Front to Back 9 Golf served over 100 students last year.
- You are encouraged to join as it can be a great way to network. Front and Back 9 golfing apparel company sponsors golfers across the US. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.frontback9.com/>
- A group member asked what are the social distancing plans? We plan to use social distancing golf course procedures. There will be 6 feet distance between everyone. No pole touching. Also, temperatures will be screened upon arrival. Contact Darryel Washington at frontback9info@gmail.com or 919-280-2640

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

Wake Community-University Partnership (WAKECUP) - Dr. Brookins

- The goal of WakeCUP is to stay connected with the community to receive feedback. More impactful partnership creates opportunities to facilitate faculty and student engagement.
- WakeCUP primarily runs out of (CFCE)Center for Family and Community Engagement at NC State University. We always want to emphasize community engagement. The strategic plan of WakeCUP wants to be connected to the strategic plan of Social and Economic Vitality.
- Wanda Hunter commented that SE Raleigh has been diluted. What community are you referring to? It is not the same community that it once was. Community looks quite different from the past 5 years.
- Verna Best noted that the Commissioners defined SE Raleigh in the past as a vulnerable area of 1.5-mile radius outside of the Crosby Center. Our concept has been expanded to better serve families in low income communities and families in poverty. We try to encompass the 27601-27604 zip code areas in Raleigh. The definition for community are those who desire to have a better life and have not had the same level of access as others; those who need service the most. We have tried to determine where those communities have been moving by a service consumption report from mandated services that human services provide. Verna believes this is not the best method.

- Dr Brookins commented that communities are distinct in and of themselves. He agrees the SE Raleigh area has changed tremendously. We want to promote engagement and not targeting.

Action Team Updates

Training for Upward Mobility-Cathey Ector

- The team has been meeting virtually since March. Focus has been on getting ready for Workforce Development (WFD) month in September. We are making a proclamation through the County Manager and would like to highlight WFD events and activities focused on the impact of COVID-19 for both the workforce and businesses. Topics include living wage, employment, microbusinesses and working from home.

Community Leadership- Kristin F

- The team has been working with Dr. Brookins to submit the Community Engagement Toolkit proposal. We did not get funding and will talk with Dr Brookins on how to help move that forward. The toolkit is a roadmap for leadership development opportunities in communities.

Racial Equity and Social Justice- Nikki Lyons

- The definition of equity has been decided and we will work on how to actualize some of the things in our definition.
- Derrick Byrd noted that consciousness and deliberation are required with racial equity.

EEASI- Empowering Entrepreneurs and Seeding Innovation- Dynasty Winters

- Youth and adult subcommittee positions are open. If you'd like to join, please email [Dynasty W.](#)
- The Community Day planning meeting is next week, and hopefully we can proceed with the event. We are working to figure out how that would look with the coronavirus.

Crosby Center

- SEV staff have supported food distribution, community coaching, Emergency Operation Center services. Staff has also helped plan community-based testing and planning community-based distribution of personal protective equipment.
- On June 16 a new staff person for SEV will start in East Wake County.
- Items not addressed from the agenda will be tabled for the next meeting on June 16.

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Next Meeting: June 16, 2020