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Racial Equity and Social Justice Action Team

July 10, 2019 12:30 P.M.

Agenda

Attendees: Clif Lavenhouse, Geraldine Alshamy, Michael Ballen, Verna Best, Dynasty Winters, Stephanie Sims

- Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes-Nikki Lyons
- Raise the Age Movement Community Forum hosted by RESJ
 - You can find information on the Raise the Age Movement here:
<https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/juvenile-justice/key-initiatives/raise-age-nc>
 - The Raise the Age movement has generated multiple employment opportunities and holding a forum will be beneficial to inform people of their rights.
 - It may be challenging for people to attend if the event is at 11 AM.
 - Two possible sites:
 - Martin Street Baptist
 - State Street
 - High/Middle School
 - Geraldine Alshamy asked how has the RAM impacted other places?
 - There are clauses and phrases that have raised concerns in other states that the forum wants to address.
 - It may be beneficial to have participants email questions to review before the forum.
 - Verna suggested being strategic about organizing and targeting those affected to increase participation and attendance. We could target parents, those heavily involved with youth, schools with high concentrations of justice involved individuals and high-risk students.
 - There can also be other resources and service providers available.
- Restorative Discipline Update
 - Restorative Discipline will be applying to the Life Comes From it grant to continue hosting circle trainings and community convenings. If anyone would like to attend the community meetings contact Geraldine Alshamy with your name, address
- Next Steps
 - Michael Ballen will contact Lesley Brickhouse to see if she'd like to invite students from SERHS.
 - Verna will contact Vielka to inquire about Mary Phillips.
 - Stephanie will reach out to Donald Pinchback and Crystal Lewis about information being prepared so that RESJ can review it.

Adjourn

Next meeting: August 14, 12:30 PM