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Racial Equity and Social Justice Action Team

February 14th, 12:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Deanna Jackson, Nikki Lyons, Lorna Wesley Parker, Hannah Taylor

Recorder/SEV VISTA: Hannah Taylor

Discussion

- DeAnna and Lorna reported on attending the CARC meeting – The most immediate need for people experiencing reentry is housing. One major barrier for supporting this population is case management. CARC is looking to partner with an agency that has a solid case management infrastructure
 - Wilmington Street men’s shelter that will be a hub for services and referrals
 - RFQ for a women’s shelter in Raleigh but no action yet
 - Venture capitalist interested in investing in house off Tryon road to turn into “oxford house” but no momentum around this proposal
- Proposed Oxford house model with in-house management
 - Tapping in to populations who would be willing to be management that might be unpaid initially but would receive room and board as the manager
 - Reach out to facilities where there are tax foreclosures as potential properties for transitional housing
- Projection that 200+ people released from prison will come to Wake County by April
- Difference between affordable and low-income housing
- Need mentorship – someone who can provide support to people who are reentering from incarceration
 - Olive Oil program from New Beginnings – connect mentors to people who are serving two years or less in prison. In this program, the mentor is connected to the mentee as soon as they are sentenced and provides support and resources or connections.
 - Connect organizations or individuals who would be willing to participate as a life coaches or mentors.

- Wake County Human Services has life coaches – Idea for them to train volunteers as life coaches who could walk through re-entry with someone and provide them with support and resources post-incarceration
- Toiletry items drive for FRC
- Housing resources mentioned:
 - [City of Raleigh home rehabilitation grant](#)
 - [Doorstep Ministry](#)
 - [Rebuilding Together of the Triangle](#)
 - [Project CATCH Salvation Army](#)
 - [CASA](#)
 - [Catholic Charities Support Circle](#)
 - Kenan Charitable Trust is currently collaborating with the City of Raleigh on a grant that targets the “hidden homeless” youth – living in hotels on the New Bern Avenue corridor
 - [Passage Home](#) financial literacy training
 - [DHIC](#)
 - [NACA – home ownership](#)
 - Legal Aid and Wake County collaborating on an information campaign against predatory home buying/development practices
- Employment resources mentioned
 - Step-up ministries
 - Jobs for Life

Upcoming events:

- Resilience film screening 2/19 at Tarboro Rd Community Center 7-9pm

Next meeting

- Present mentorship/life coaching idea to other attendees and determine preliminary actions for implementation
- Choose a month to do a drive for toiletries for FRC and share with networks
- Consider reaching out to people who expressed interest in RESJ action team based on SEV survey (30 individuals)
- The next meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month (3/14) from 12:30-1:30