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Racial Equity and Social Justice Action Team

July 11th, 2018 12:30 P.M.

Minutes

Attendees: Verna P. Best (by phone), Ursula Jolly, Nikki Lyons, Deidre McCullers, Donald Pinchback, Hannah Taylor, Bernadine Walden, Mikia Williams, Crystal Wynn-Lewis

Minutes approved with date correction

Updates from the Family Resource Center of the South Atlantic (FRCSA)

- Bernadine Walden explained how FRCSA gets referrals from the NC Department of Public Safety (DPS) for re-entry services. DPS sets guidelines to participate in reentry services (18+, been justice involved, willing to participate in program). FRCSA is also recruiting individuals before they are released from prison to participate in services. Some parole/probation officers have mandated participation for their clients. The current caseload is about 70 individuals
- The Capital Area Reentry Council (CARC) has been dissolved and a new council is being formed as the Wake County Reentry Council. The new council will meet Tuesday 7/17 at State Street Church (1200 S State Rd). Both are funded by DPS
 - The Wake County Reentry Council is recruiting service providers, organizations, faith community, and community members to participate
 - The RESJ Action Team will work to support the new council as they begin to develop their goals and actions
 - Need for an updated resource guide tailored to returning citizens in both hard copy and online forms.
 - Discussion of the FRCSA doing intake or case management services at regularly scheduled times at the Crosby-Garfield Building. Social and Economic Vitality staff were supportive of this initiative but cautioned because Crosby-Garfield houses childcare facilities and some returning citizens may have limits regarding their proximity to children or childcare facilities.
- SEV staff mentioned initial research efforts to establish the Crosby-Garfield building as a site that would give returning citizens preference as vendors for services such as equipment rentals, catering, and transportation to allow individuals gain valuable work experience.
- SEV staff mentioned that at the end of summer or early fall they will host a program with the Kramden Institute at the Crosby-Garfield building. This 8-hour, 4-week program focuses on seniors 55+ to learn computer basics and receive a free computer upon program completion.

- Other action team members emphasized the existence of other computer literacy services hosted by the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation such as the Digital Connectors and Adult Technology services

Proposal for an End of Summer Back to School event in partnership with Ligon Middle School

- Potential to present information on juvenile justice
- If we choose to make school supplies or backpacks available, be sure to make those resources accessible to families
- Bullying information for students and/or teachers, workplace bullying
 - ROAR (Raleigh Organizing Against Racism LLC)
 - Center for Safer Schools (Mike Anderson)
 - WCPSS resources on anti-bullying workshops
 - Danya Perry
 - Other anti-bullying resources or organizations
- Try to address parent challenges such as learning how to navigate school systems and administration, IEP meetings, what parents' and students' rights are, and signing code of conduct forms
 - Vielka Gabriel, Human Capital Development Specialist with Wake County Human Services, shares this information with her clients
 - Zero-tolerance policies in code of conducts lead to many minority students being disciplined by schools disproportionately
 - Parent leadership initiatives are an overlap in Community Leadership Action Team and there is potential for the two action teams to work together on this type of initiative
- Potential to piggyback with tentative GoTriangle Event at Crosby-Garfield, scheduled for end of August or early September

Tabled item(s): Updates from resident's meetings

Next meeting – August 8th 12:30pm at Crosby