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Racial Equity and Social Justice Action Team

May 9th, 2018 12:30 P.M.

Minutes

Attendees: Verna P. Best, Willa Casstevens, Ursula Jolly, Deidre McCullers, Letha Muhammed, Donald W. Pinchback Hannah Taylor, Lorna Wesley-Parker, Crystal Wynn-Lewis

- Willa Casstevens facilitated the meeting in absence of Action Team chair Nikki Lyons
- Meeting Minutes approved
- Highlights from the Resilience Screening at Chavis Park: Large and diverse turnout, fun children's activities, and good discussion after film.
- Highlights from CARC Re-Entry Simulation: Good turnout, productive and effective simulation that allowed people to act out what it might be like to return to society after being incarcerated. Interest in doing another simulation, group agreed that our action team could help to advocate for another simulation.
- Need to fill extra seats for next Racial Equity Training on May 17th and 18th (9am-5pm), located at State Street Community Church. There is no cost. Contact Deidre McCullers at deidre919@aol.com
- Crosby Grand Reopening Update: Waiting to finalize date, interest in having a Crosby Advocacy Group resource table that highlights each action team. The group should consider what other organizations might want a resource table or be a good resource for the event. (Tables are free, however it is recommended that each table bring a case of bottled water to share with the community.
- Toiletry Drive: The group discussed whether or not we should ask the public to donate toiletries. It was proposed we could collect return to vendor items from Target or Wal-mart. The group also discussed the recipient organization, Family Resource Center of the South Atlantic. Helping Hand Mission was proposed as another potential recipient organization. The group agreed to proceed with the drive during the month of June. Aggregation/drop off areas include the Crosby-Garfield Building, the Courthouse, and the FRCSA.
 - Items to collect: feminine products, personal hygiene, combs/brushes, toothpaste/toothbrush/alcohol-free mouthwash, soap, deodorant, washcloth, hand sanitizer, toilet tissue, lotion
 - We need to determine timeline (need to collect all items before end of fiscal year on June 30, 2018? Lorna Wesley-Parker will follow up about timeline with FRCSA
 - Wake County Cooperative Extension Communications Specialist will create a flyer
 - Tentative timeline: Month of June
- Organization and Community Updates
 - International Association for Social Work with Groups has put out a call for photos to be included in the social justice bridge art installation at the symposium in South Africa this

June. Photos need to represent ways that group work promotes social justice. If you wish to participate, please email the photo with a narrative of 50 words or less, and your name/email/university if applicable, and country. Materials need to be emailed by May 15th to Lorrie in Connecticut, USA, and Reineth in South Africa, at: lggardella@gmail.com and reineth.prinsloo@up.ac.za

- The NC Department of Public Safety DMC Coordinator Crystal Wynn-Lewis is looking for proposals for evidence-based programs that address DMC. Programs could include efforts around counseling, mentorship, and racial equity training.

Next meeting June 13th 2018