



Attendees: Geraldine Alshamy, Priscilla Awkard, Robert Benson, Verna P. Best, Wanda Cox-Bailey, Tony F. Craddock, Jerry M. Dodson, Delon B. Fletcher, Vielka Maria Gabriel, Susan P. Gardner, Rich Gwaltney, Anthony S. Harris, Caroline Jones, Tangela Keaton, Clif Lavenhouse, Nikki Lyons, Brandon McRae, Deidre McCullers, Robin McWilliams, Tamara Perkins, Kathy Peterson, Dalia Place, Diana Powell, Shelia Reich, Tiffany Russell, Lorna Parker (by phone), Hannah Taylor, Christal T. Toodle, Crystal Wynn-Lewis

Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes

- Amendments recommended to September Minutes
- Introductions

Information Presentations: NC Department of Safety, Juvenile Justice, Crystal Wynn-Lewis, Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator (crystal.wynn-lewis@ncdps.gov, 919-324-6403)

- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act – 1974, includes DMC, mandating NC by the federal government to track and report data on DMC. Examples of contact include arrest, complaints received, complaints not approved, cases involving secure detention, complaints approved, cases adjudicated, cases disposed, long term secure confinement and transfer to adult court)
- DPS provides mental health, anger management, and other services to youth
- Overview on how Wake is doing compared to the rest of the state in the overrepresentation of minorities in the justice system; Wake County is doing relatively well in decreasing DMC, especially in schools, compared to the rest of the state. This indicates the efficacy of efforts around that community services, training, police engagement and advocacy
- See slides for data trends
- Why youth of color are disproportionately justice-involved?
 - Structural inequalities in our society; Differential offending rates among different races and socioeconomic backgrounds; Policies that appear fair but have unintended consequences; Police response to crime; can be mitigated with community policing; Location of offenses; Explicit and implicit bias; racial and ethnic stereotypes; Failure to use data to drive decisions; Failure to include all stakeholders in policy decisions, especially families
- Community strategies to address DMC
 - Increase collaboration among key stakeholders; Focus on efforts that are best for your community and the youth instead of punitive or procedural focuses; Train schools, teachers, and law enforcement (especially SROs) on DMC and cultural awareness. Example: Racial Equity Institute trainings; Make sure schools have resources to implement alternatives to suspensions and juvenile justice involvement; Increase the availability and accessibility of community services (mental health, after school activities, etc.) for youth and families; Utilize the data from DPS DMC in your decisions and policy development

State of the Child Building Community Resilience Conference recap Christal Toodle

- This event discussed Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and community resilience

- Collaboration with Advocates for Health in Action (AHA) to put together tools to help youth who are experiencing ACEs; these tools can help to change policy and encourage collaboration with other stakeholders
- Restorative Discipline effort in Wake County to decrease suspensions in public schools by addressing bad behavior through the lens of childhood trauma
 - Need more of a collective push to address this challenge
 - Thursday 10/25, Restorative Discipline Community session at Greater Love Church (2421 Timber Drive, Raleigh)
- Move this effort to the CAG Executive Committee

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

- State of the County with Wake County Commissioners – SEV and Crosby-Garfield Center noted as one of the accomplishments of the year
 - Video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wvi-gOziAH8> (10 minutes)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Qlj-20EU6E> (full hour-long event)
- Verna Best working on an expansion request; this will be an opportunity for SEV to request additional support and resources for services and programs in Crosby
- Capacity Building Academy Interest Meeting - October 23 at the Eastern Regional Center (1002 Dogwood Dr, Zebulon, NC 27597)
 - Working with NC State Institute for Nonprofits
 - Nonprofits will come together and provide information on what training they need to increase their capacity (financial management, board development, leadership, etc.)
 - Let SEV staff know if you are interested and we will send you the pre-meeting materials
- SEV also serves Eastern Wake, Verna Best will present to the Wendell Town Commission
- Farewell SEV VISTA Hannah – an event is being planned, stay tuned. October 30th, 11:00am (tentative date and time)
- October is Bullying Prevention Month
 - Youth Thrive Bullying Prevention communication tool ([find in the SEV Newsletters in October](#))
 - Community Bullying Session in December (was rescheduled from October due to weather)
- Youth GoPasses are available at the Crosby-Garfield Center (Stephanie Sims stephanie.sims@wakegov.com can help set up the GoPass)
 - Need to bring completed application signed by parent (can fill out on site) as well as proof of age
 - SEV staff are working to reschedule a community transportation event with GoTriangle
 - Geena Washington, doctoral student at NC State in applied community social psychology, will spend some time onsite and work on data management and Human Capital Development efforts
- National Association of Black Storytellers event at the Crosby-Garfield Center, November 1 at 6:00 pm, our featured teller is Dr. Linda Hums
 - More events throughout the week, Cary Theater (122 E Chatham Street, Cary) on Monday 10/29 at 7:00 (free), Witherspoon (2810 Cates Avenue, Raleigh) Wednesday 10/31 6:15pm (free)
- Executive Team Update – see agenda for the members, will start meeting in November
- Action Team updates:
 - Racial Equity and Social Justice (Nikki Lyons): working to collaborate with Ligon Middle School on a Ligon Lunch Mentorship program
 - Next meeting Wednesday November 14, 12:30-2:00, Room 203
 - Training for Upward Mobility (Tangela Keaton): working to develop strategies and priorities, identified a need to coordinate the many workforce development efforts in Wake County. Efforts

include recognizing “Workforce Development Month” in September 2019, communicate to clients and consumers what jobs and trainings are available as well as industry information, promote vocational education in WCPSS

▪ Next meeting November 13, 2018 11:30-1:00, Room 210

- Upcoming programs at Crosby
 - Passage Home BOOST starting in November, Kramden computer classes start this week, SNAP-Ed Take Control (nutrition education), Latino Parent Empowerment Program

Community Highs & Lows

All CAG Members

- Learning Together Community Play Night was successful with attendance from Learning Together families, Head Start families, and neighborhood families, as well as Summer Food Program participants
- Raleigh Millbank Court apartments – strong collaborative effort from community organizations and service providers, providing more events and programs on-site, support from parents and children alike.

Community Partner Updates

All CAG Members

- NC Museum of History Event on October 18, 2018 6:00-7:30 – lecture from Carolyn Finney, author of *Black Faces, White Spaces*
- Pride for Parents coming up for Christmas-time (www.pfpwake.org). You must register to shop! Parents can access new toys and purchase for low prices for their families
- Get out the vote – Souls to the polls
- Monday October 22 – Step Up Ministry is working with Work First to do an employment workshop, open to anyone ages 18-60 at 220 Swinburne Street, 3rd Floor (contact Anthony Harris at aharris@stepupministry.org for more info)
- New program called Step Up Connect – program for people working 30 hours or more to work on life skills, whole family approach and food provided (contact Anthony Harris at aharris@stepupministry.org for more info)
- Restorative Justice Community Session, join to show community support for this effort, Thursday October 25 at Greater Love Church (2421 Timber Drive in Raleigh),
- Caregiver summit – provides respite, rest, encouragement, resources, for caregivers. CEUs for professional caregivers, nominal fee for family caregivers, adult daycare offered. October 30, 2018 at McKimmon Center, register and learn more at www.caregiverssummit.org or 919-719-6765
- Driver’s License restoration clinic (contact Diana Powell at daplaw123@yahoo.com for more information)

Next CAG meeting November 13, 9:30-11:30 A.M. (note date change)

Next Resident’s Meeting October 18, 6:00-8:00 P.M.