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MINUTES OF
Safe and Thriving Communities "Support for Youth Working Group"

Jacksonville Children's Commission
1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
2nd Floor Board Room
Jacksonville, FL 32202
August 11, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Steve Bauer, Gateway   Terri Jones, DCPS
Katoia Wilkins   Dana Platas
Brooke Melian   Damian Cook
Angela Tompkins

MINUTES:

Brooke Melian called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

As this is the last meeting of this Working Group, a summary of everything previously discussed was presented on a handout that included the Objectives and proposals. Feedback and corrections were encouraged. Damian Cook spoke regarding combining some of the items that were duplicates. More particularly, there was specific intent in preparing these regarding increased awareness related to collaborating with faith-based partners.

The resource fair was discussed and the group was advised that it would be added into the Strategic Plan. The plan will address increased awareness, focused outreach, and increased utilization of services. The outline for what it should look like is available and has been previously discussed within the group.

Damian Cook asked for comments and suggestions regarding the Objectives and proposals. There were none. By the end of the month, the Strategic Plan will be submitted to the funder and these objectives will be rolled into the Plan under four (4) goals that were identified when applying for the grant. There may be a bit of rearranging in order to align with the original document. The work of each of the working groups will be aligned in this manner. There will be a final Steering Committee Meeting that each of the groups will receive notice of and at that time, everyone will see all of the work put together. That meeting is tentatively going to be scheduled during the week of August 21, 2017.   After that meeting, the Plan will be reviewed by OJJDP. In the meantime, we will start to put together some of the things that have come up. A part of the reason Angela Tompkins is here today is to begin to do the work to bring the YCF working group and this working group together.

In trying to develop the partnership, the clearest path is to identify a couple of specific churches that would be the easiest to work with (because they are already doing these type of things) and we can prove the model with them. Once accomplished, it can then be presented to other faith-based organizations. When we reach acceptance with the faith-based organizations, we should then be ripe for an event. At that point, the plan is to send out a blast because there will already be a little bit of talk in the community.

Part of the event is planned for exposing the community to the services that are out there but also training on how the social service networks work and also training on how the faith-based organizations operate (what their goals and priorities are, how they make decisions). In this way, each of the groups will understand how the other group works. It will be a networking event, but also a way for each group to get a better idea of how to help the people they are serving from each area (faith-based and social services).

The structure of how to unite the efforts of both groups is still being thought through. It would definitely be beneficial to pull both groups together in order to keep things going. Damian Cook will have a discussion with the Ethics Office regarding the issue of promoting conversation between the groups. Once an answer is received, we will determine the plan and best way to move forward. There has been a lot of technical assistance through the grant and it is our intention to share that information to the larger group.

Damian Cook spoke with CCAT and their development timeline has been pushed back a bit. They are now able to do some improvements so that the system as a whole will be more flexible so that communication within systems is more flexible. This will result in more data available to evaluate. When everything is setup in Connecticut (where the rollout will be) it will make it more foreseeable for us. There will not need to be a keeper of the cloud, so to speak, since the data will be in each agency's system.

Meeting Adjourned by Damian Cook at 11:00 a.m.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed.
The minutes for this meeting were audio-recorded.