



LB GRIP Advisory Council Meeting

August 9, 2010
5:30 pm -7:30 pm
Minutes

Location: Center for Working Families, 1900 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806

Attendance:

Advisory Council Members: Sue Baker, Rene Castro, Patrick Dyson, Annie Greenfeld, Lt. Ty Hatfield, Dr. Lydia Hollie, Deborah Kearn, Dr. Farah Naz Khaleghi, Brenda Knepper, Rev. James Lewis, Jeanetta McAlpin, Lillian Parker, Elder Eddie Pierson, Sara Pol-Lim, Jessica Quintana, Karen Reside, Hillary Rivers, Marc Rothenberg, Esq., Jim Ruggirello, Dr. James Saucedo, Jud Schoendorf, Jerlene Tatum, Betty Jean Thompson, Clair Vermillion, Cecile Walters, David Wong.

Staff, Presenters, and Affiliates: Bob Barboza, Kathy Berry, Alma Campos, Noreen Cruz, Kezia Daniels, Tim Goddard, Teresa Gomez, John Malveaux, Gail McFarlane-Sosa, Rone'e Mozee, Brenda Novela, Veronica Paz Baca, Wendy Purzarne, Dr. LaTanya Skiffer, Sakhura Thomas.

Welcome: Meeting was opened at 5:35 p.m. It was announced a quorum was present by Kezia Daniels.

Chair Remarks: New Chairman Rene Castro introduced the new board, himself as Chair, Jerlene Tatum as Vice Chair, and Karen Reside as Secretary. He then introduced Dr. James Saucedo and Bob Barboza from Kids Talk Radio from the Media and Community Education Subcommittee. They played a video of the project the youth interns have been working on over the summer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with 3 corrections. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Ad hoc Committee Update:

Dr. Lydia Hollie stated she was still taking input from the Advisory Council on the document and had extended the deadline for feed back to September 15.

Committee Membership

Chair discussed the process for membership on the Advisory Council. Members have been surveyed and a few have asked to be removed from the roster. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept their resignations.

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REPORTS ON DISCRETIONARY FUNDS:

Review of applications:

John Malveaux of the Long Beach Central Area Association submitted a request for \$300 to support the Photovoice exhibit from young men 19-24 on their life experiences. The exhibit will be held on September 18th at Houghton Park. Several of the participants were from the Central City area. Request was approved.

Elder Eddie Pierson of Academic UpRise, Inc. submitted a request to support the 9th Annual Educational Symposium and Expo, an annual event to be held on November 18th at the Hyatt Regency and Long Beach City College. The request was to provide \$300 to support the symposium by purchasing seats to the luncheon so LB GRIP members may attend. The request was approved with a review of how it might best be applied most effectively.

Past Recipient Reports:

Lt. Ty Hatfield of the Police Department reported on the School Parent Empowerment Series at Washington Middle School. The request paid for refreshments to encourage attendance. The sessions were well received.

Walter Castillo of Youth Long Beach Soccer League was not present.

Gail McFarland-Sosa of Operation READ shared stories youth wrote in their journals the funding paid for.

PARTNER UPDATES

Sgt. Steve Stough reported on the crime stats for the covered area.

Centro CHA - Reported on outcomes for current CalGRIP grant for 14 – 24 year olds. Close out report was submitted March of 2010. Goal was to serve 80 youth, enrolled 105 exceeding goal by 25 youth. Placed young adults in green building, construction, and technology training. Clients received basic skills remediation in reading and math and tutoring in English and math.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workforce Development

Summer program has been a tremendous success. 1,500 youth have been hired to work July 12 – Sep 15. Family/youth must be Calworks, general relief, food stamps, or former foster youth 18-24. Cecile Walters thanked the community organizations and businesses for stepping up to the plate to take on the youth workers. The Boys & Girls Clubs took 80 workers, many of whom are working on the successful "Summer Night Lights" (SNL) program at Martin Luther King Park and Admiral Kidd Park, two of the three locations for SNL.

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Finalized plans for Summer Night Lights, youth empowerment leadership classes, theatre, digital media, and community advocacy youth training. Working on a community peace garden led by Deborah Kearn. She announced the need for volunteers and had flyers available for volunteer recruitment and a celebration of the opening of the garden.

Family Engagement and Violence

Family engagement is meeting on a regular basis. Working on Truancy workshop for parents to be presented in the fall.

Research and Resource Development

It was announced that Brent Fremming has relocated and the committee will be recruiting new members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by;

Karen Reside

LB GRIP Secretary

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