



## LB GRIP Advisory Council Meeting

April 11, 2011

5:30 pm -7:30 pm

Minutes

**Location:** Center for Working Families, 1900 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach

**Attendees Members:** Fanya Baruti, Carolyn Bell, Kathy Berry, Alma Campos, Ladine Chan, Rene Castro, Teresa Chavez, Tracy Colunga, Patrick Dyson, Anita Gibbins, Becky Gonzalez, Annie Greenfeld, Tim Goddard, Lt. Ty Hatfield, Dr. Lydia Hollie, Deborah Kearn, Erik Miller, Marie Nieto-Grant, Lillian Parker, Sara Pol-lim, Jessica Quintana, Eddie Ramos, Karen Reside, Hillary Rivers, Marc Rothenberg, Dr. James Saucedo, Jud Schoendorf, Sandra Scott, Olga Skarlato, Jerlene Tatum, Claire Vermillion, Charles Wade, Sinta Wade, Cecile Walters, David Wong.

**Attendees Staff and Affiliates:** Kezia Daniels, Brenda Novela, Frankie Parker, Terolyn Phinsee, La Tanya Skiffer, MarQuitta Sutton, Rod Mills, Jodie Marholz

**Guests:** Erica Gardner, Bishop Bell, Dana Slay, Nancy Valencia, Dan Pressburg, Aroldo Campos, Noe Luciano, Jesus Luciano, Christian Espinoza, Armando Castanon.

**Welcome:** Meeting began at 5:45 pm. Introductions were conducted. Quorum was achieved.

**Chair Remarks:** Update – Umbrella Group, Violence prevention coalition, endowment is interested in funding. Convener is not known at this time. Advancement Project will be a part of this. Supported by GRIP but not driven by GRIP. Individuals can participate. Advancement project will not oversee. Partner for collaborative coordination – Another retreat possibly in June. Who will be at the table?

Minutes were approved.

### LBDP REPORT

Ty Hatfield – Washington, Jordan, Milliken, went on a hike to Santa Monica Mountains, 6 week self- esteem workshops. Jordan working with the Male academy hosted truancy prevention workshop, godparents youth organization, and show up every other Saturday. A woman visited the program who is taking a trip across the US in 2012. This year, she's taking a trip to New Orleans and San Francisco. Met with the Police Foundation program, Operation Progress, to support youth with sponsorships to go on the trip. Also looking for support for a fundraiser and college scholarships.

West Division has had an increase in street robberies assaulting and grabbing cell phones and wallets. Richard Bell, a community resident, wants to help youth. Wrote a song, Just Got to Be Me.

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## REPORTS

Erica Gardner – Police Youth Dialogues – Police/Youth come together over 3 nights on a Mon-Wed-Wed to discuss issues. Builds communication with police officers and the community. Provides strategies on how to talk to police officers. Encourages working together to clean up the streets - 30 youth participated. Biggest challenge is to stay on objectives and how youth deal with the police. The dialogues change behavior. Was the information recorded? – No for personal reasons because youth were ages 12- 21. Were there larger themes that came out from the dialogues to be shared with community youth? Yes, youth not understanding both sides of the issue. Promoting thinking before you speak with the youth. Officers have a better understanding of youth's view. Have something you can work with after the program ends. Youth want the engagement to reduce their fear and establish the relationship with the police.

Alma Campos – New Generations, - Soccer team with 3 programs, leadership, counseling, sport, 2 times a week practice t & W. Games on Sat & Sun. Antivirus is the program name – talk about, ambition, responsibility, immunization Fri for 1 hour. When youth complete the program, they become mentors to younger youth. Conduct community events – clean ups, gift exchange. Campaign to not label each other. Don't label the youth. They give food to community through food finders. Youth spoke about changes in lives. Alma Campos brought youth who spoke Jesus now doing good in school, doing good things, Alexander – trying to get into gangs before new generations. Paulo – brought up grades. Got off drugs. Husband - No limits we don't see what the youth need from us. Learned to be the level of the youth. It is not easy to work with youth. Criticize them – they need love. Seven years working with youth. People have good hearts.

Building Healthy Communities - Want to correct the misinformation out in the community. Several pieces of information – Look at 10 outcomes. Cal Endow was created by 1996 and was a 3.5 billion foundation conversion by Blue Cross. Foundation realized they were not making an impact on health. They selected 14 communities and Long Beach is one. Still have people who don't have access to healthy communities. Map of area was presented – it was determined by the community. Target area will measure the results after 10 years. Determine whether children are safer, healthier. Focusing on systems change – policy change. Educate ourselves. What are some of the policy changes that the community wants? 100 million dollar investment 3 -3.5 million in cash, rest in technical assistance. Working with some of the best minds in the country on violence.

Outcomes were prioritized – 5 & 6 relate to youth violence – GRIP, Community plan. Outcomes to the left are the targeted changes. Increase city-wide understanding of violence. Feeling targeted, because of gang-injunctions. Violence from homes and community have to make a connection. Goal is to get youth involved. Ensure Youth Development is a priority in city policies and practices. Youth might not feel ready or able. Maybe there's something that can be done to provide support for that growth and development. GRIP has operated on faith and fumes for five years. Now is the time to capitalize on it. Policy changes – increase Linked to outcome 8. Middle Harbor jobs. Strategies. Targeted outcome. Read the strategies related to 5 & 6. Discussion – plan everything is being cut, rally call to action. Building advocates so

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things can't go unchanged. Build capacities and resources in the community. Work to understand the logic model and the outcomes. It's an opportunity to engage in a different way. 18 months of planning. 10 years began April of last year. 9 years left. 18 mos – in 2 years, community will have to develop another plan for the next three priorities. There is no governance structure in place at this time as it is being developed. There will be 7 slots for youth, 7 for organizations, and 7 for community.

Summer Night Lights – Endowment has agreed to parts of a case study. Initiative provides alternative programming for the summer. Held at 3 parks – Drake with Community Partners, Boys & Girls Club at Admiral Kidd, and MLK Boys & Girls Club. Urban Academy will do training for workers. Advisory Committee, interested groups and individuals can do an application. Come to the table if you want to find out more. Sign up for CalConnect to receive information. How does my agency get involved? Call Jeanny directly. I page concept proposal, if she likes it, she'll ask for a one page concept paper.

## PARTNER UPDATES

Total Family Support - CalGRIP II 12- 24 ages, specializes in outreach and inreach, prevention, intervention, onsite school. They will come up with their own ways to support CalGRIP that meet the goals. Track youth during the day and after school and are working with other areas of the community. Mentoring, tutoring, case management, parenting work with DCFS, Domestic violence, job skills, community involvement, group counseling. Gone to high schools to talk to youths and have a continuation school onsite. Participated in I love Long Beach breakfast. Service goal is a total youth 15 per month or 150 for duration of contract. Services started 3 months ago. Youth come to after school program also. Probation sends kids there. Located on 35<sup>th</sup> and Atlantic.

LA Co. Dept. of Mental Health – Addition to CalGRIP for evidence-based treatment. Located at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Long Beach Blvd. Providing children and adolescent Functional Family therapy. Focus on treating client and family. There are 2 components – liaison short term therapy for improving relationships with parents, youth and families. Services provided for past 2 years. Serves youths 12 – 17 years of age, with truancy, probation, suspension, expulsion, defiant, depression, dcfs, and case management. Call 562-559-5271 for referral. For referrals, give them Eddie Ramos's name.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle Harbor project – employment process, local, 3 other flyers. Receiving summer youth places – there may not be any funding. Hire a youth strategy, training youth for a national work readiness program.

Peace garden – Seeking donations for neighborhood awards trip.

Mentoring program- OJS. Need 25 new mentors.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

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