

## LB GRIP Advisory Council Meeting

### Minutes

Center for Working Families, 1900 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA  
July 11, 2011 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### *Reducing Violence, Saving Lives*

**OUR VISION:** We envision a community where youth are highly valued, well educated, skilled for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace, healthy, law abiding, and contributing members of society who respect the rights of others and themselves.

**OUR MISSION:** The LB GRIP Project will create a collaboration of educational, prevention and intervention based programs, as well as related support systems designed to provide essential educational, career, social and life skills development training and services for at-risk youth and adults in the Long Beach Police Beats 4, 5, 21, and 23.

### **Welcome**

Introductions were made. Quorum was achieved.

### **Chair Remarks**

- The minutes were reviewed and were approved from April 11, 2011 meeting.
- Based upon survey, annual meeting will be held August 5, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm – No site yet but John Glaza will facilitate the meeting. Common themes pushed forward are for better engagement with partners and community resulting in practical engagement, increase transparency and democracy. Begin sub committees with the annual meeting. Four objectives posted on Survey Monkey. Planning meeting, this Wednesday from noon – 1:00 pm at CCEJ to solidify the objectives for the meeting for anyone who wants to participate.
- Jeanny Cheung from the California Endowment is going to talk about how the violence prevention is the number one outcome voted upon by the community. Requires we put our personal egos on hold. The Endowment is making a 10 year investment. If we get this right, there is the opportunity to leverage this investment.
- Weed and Seed is sun-setting in September and there is an opportunity for CalGRIP to take a leadership role in violence prevention.
- Everyone wanted an umbrella organization to bring all the organizations together.
- First objective is to figure out what CalGRIP is and to discuss accountability. Re-ignite energy and renewed purpose around the mission. Question about if Friday was an issue. 7 people voted for Saturday, with 14 for Friday, Aug. 5. Claudette Powers praised Rene for his efforts to bring us together.
- Anitra Dempsey, past Human Dignity Officer, lost her son tragically in a skate boarding accident this past weekend. Moment of silence for Anitra. Memorial service for her son, will be held Friday at 10:00 am at Calvary Chapel in Downey. Viewing at Colonial Chapel Thursday from 1:00 pm-6:00 pm.

The CalEndow has offered to facilitate a violence prevention coalition. Endowment would lead the initial meeting. Would include youth, and domestic violence prevention. Endow would help draft a community violence prevention plan.

A motion was made to hold elections – tonight moved by Lydia Hollie, seconded, passed

Teresa Gomez presented the Southern California Gang Conference and asked advisory board members wanted to attend. Eddie Ramos wants to go for the week and Carolyn Bell has asked to be sent. Carolyn can only go 1-2

# LONG BEACH GRIP PROJECT

Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention

days. GRIP funds of up to \$1,500 can be committed to sending members. This is part of an initiative to build the capacity of partners. Dr. Saucedo proposed that attendees that go to sessions report back. Motion is approved.

Rene thanked city staff for their hard work.

Alex Avila reported – Gang shootings are 30% down to 5 homicides for 55 gangs with 7500 members. Getting good feedback from citizens on police actions. A question was asked about how statistics on gang activity are tracked. Shootings, homicides, and murders are tracked according to FBI crime statistics. Both the perpetrator and victim must be gang members. People are becoming more willing to help with cases in terms of testifying and providing information. Question? Can gang members get out? Hard but they can get out. It was suggested that reports be presented at the meetings on Beats 4 and 5. There was a request for a presentation on comprehensive numbers of youth on the gang intersections with ages and names to determine adults on the list.

Operation Jump Start asked to be moved up – Erik Miller, Positive Futures Mentoring program. Jessica Salazar just graduated from Poly High School spoke on benefits of OJS. She is attending CSULB in the fall. Outcomes they are presenting CalGRIP II – 25 youth each year for a total of 50 youth will receive mentoring - July 16 and September 18 Students 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Have been working with the PACK Hamilton, Washington and other middle schools.

Jeanny Cheung from the California Endowment presented on the Building Healthy Communities project. Wanted to provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions of the California Endowment – CalGRIP chance to explore what it really is. Jeanny graduated from Poly. Been at the Endowment for 4 months. Endowment presented 10 outcomes to communities. Community prioritized which outcomes were higher priority. Endowment will provide funding for the community to develop a violence prevention plan. Working on food access, youth development, land use, and health. The board asked for funding for senior citizens. Health outcomes are the primary focus, housing includes seniors as does food access and transportation. Funding is off of the community plan and is driven by the community. Elections are on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the steering committee and will be responsive to community needs with high engagement and hands on. All grant proposals are submitted to Jeanny. Grants are just part of the process. Lots of training and technical assistance with convenings on certain issues. Question was asked if the Cities commission on youth was still active. Brenda said no. City agencies are also competing for dollars from the Endowment - kind of yes and no. submit a work plan and budget along with a request. 2.5 million will be distributed. Funding violence coalition, and youth commission.

CalEndowment has an outside process to apply for funding. But strongly advised to go through Jeanny. Hub is a group of people helping facilitate the process. Adult learning specialist and youth organizers. TA providers funded such as the Urban Peace Academy. Alliance for justice is another. Additional training community organizing, communication, health advocacy. Advancement project – provides TA for selected issues and there are other organizations. More around plan and the group. Question was asked if BHC was using Rethink Long Beach? Yes actually funding them around an obesity initiative. Need to start where people are at. Funding UCC and collaborative of Cambodian organizations, Latino and pacific islander, level of engaging in a culturally appropriate way.

Rene – this is a chance to engage in capacity building to start nonprofits.

Elections were held. Nominations are:

Chair: Nominations Closed  
Rene Castro

Vice Chair:  
Claudette Powers - 25  
Dr. LaTanya Skiffer - 4  
Secretary:

**Human Dignity Program**

Youth and Gang Violence Prevention, Diversity Education, Hate Crime Education and Response, Hate-Group Conflict Resolution, Community Norms, Peace and Knowledge



SAVING LIVES



[www.savinglives.longbeach.gov](http://www.savinglives.longbeach.gov)

# LONG BEACH GRIP PROJECT

Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention

Jerlene Tatum - 21  
Karen Reside - 6

Candidates made statements. Have to raise hands.

Motion for Mitchell Moore and Jerome Williams Family Foundation to be named alternates in order to have a quorum for voting.

## LB GRIP Staff Report

Teresa presented the chart of differences with GRIP 1,2 & 3. 1 is completed and the final report is in process. 2 Shifting to evidence-based management and wraparound services. Teresa reviewed chart of differences between grants. Prevention and intervention services are all listed. There will be no discretionary funds as in past. 25k is provided for training of members as well as funding for partners.

For CalGRIP III key partners are OJS, For the Child, and LA County Mental health services. Numbers to be served are listed. Partner funding has not been set yet. City hasn't received the final funding notice from the State.

UCC – youth after school, mentoring ages 13 – 21 leadership training.

LB Shortstop – crime diversion. 500 families taught at courthouse.

Boys & Girls Clubs – 250 youth in Street SMART

Women's Shelter – Domestic Violence starting at age 7. Teen Dating violence, secondary violence prevention. Counseling provided for young adults that were secondary victims. Services are free.

Male Academy – Intervention program targeting youth falling through the gap at all 6 high schools, 12 improvement program middle schools. 400 youth and have them all go on to post secondary education.

ROP – School for Adults, GED job training 16 + those have not graduated can come back literacy,

CCEJ – Building Bridges Camps – residential program, take high school students to mountains.

Family Services

LB CAP

Second modification – Erase the Past was withdrawn, LB CAP was removed, CCEJ was altered. Free swim passes are being provided passes are available. Added 5k to St. Mary's, 1k to forms. GRIP III focuses on therapy, Parent, child interaction therapy. Evidence-based programs implemented. Because of timing, CalGRIP III has not been paid. Operational agreements have not come back from City Manager's office.

III – LA Mental Health, Family therapy, FFT, evidence-based treatment. Progress notes that also has to be listed in central computer. Evidence-based treatment. 8 – 13 ages.

Referrals come from teachers, parents do an assessment.

Operation Jump Start – Mentoring program provide intervention for youth. Provide mentors college graduates that help youth get college education.

For the Child – Child counseling services.

**Meeting adjourned – 7:30 pm**

**Human Dignity Program**

Youth and Gang Violence Prevention, Diversity Education, Hate Crime Education and Response, Hate-Group Conflict Resolution, Community Harmony, Peace and Knowledge



SAVING LIVES



[www.savinglives.longbeach.gov](http://www.savinglives.longbeach.gov)