Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths

May 16, 2018
2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Dr. Ephraim Williams Family Life Center
4036 14th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820

2:15 p.m.  Welcome and Updates
Chet Hewitt, Co-Chair
Natalie Woods Andrews, Co-Chair
• Cal VIP Funding
• Kings and Queens Rise Co-Ed Basketball League
• Cultural Broker Update – Kim Pearson, CPS
• Stop the Gun Violence March – Debra Cummings, Mothers of 95838-15

2:45 p.m.  RAACD Strategy Evaluation
Dr. Maisha Winn and Torry Winn, Transformative Justice in Education (TJE) Center

3:15 p.m.  Community Incubator Lead Presentation: Greater Sacramento Urban League
Brianna Davis, Community Incubator Lead

4:05 p.m.  Announcements: Important Dates and Events
• May 30, 2018 5 pm – 8 pm – PSA Community Launch
  Location: Crocker Art Museum, 216 O Street

• June 19, 2018 5 pm – Community Leadership Roundtable Meeting
  Location: Sierra Health Foundation, 1321 Garden Hwy

• June 26, 2018 3:30 pm – Evaluation Workgroup Meeting
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  Location: CDF Haley Farm, Clinton, TN

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4:10 p.m.  Public Comment

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Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Members Present: Pastor Alice Baber-Banks, Stephanie Bray, Debra Cummings, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Paris Dye, Linda Fong-Somera, Steven Garrett, Chet Hewitt, Pastor Robert Jones, Aliane Murphy-Hasan, Kim Pearson, Tina Roberts, Kim Williams, Marlon Yarber

Steering Committee Members Not Present: Captain Bobby Davis, Dr. Albina Gogo, Keith Herron, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Essence Webb

Excused Absence: Dr. Ethan Cutts, Gladys Deloney, Judge Barry Loncke, Natalie Woods Andrews

The Center Staff: Kindra Montgomery-Block, Madeline Sabatoni, Kari Ida, Leslie Cooksy

Guests: bel Reyes, Innovation Bridge; Dr. Vajra Watson, UC Davis; Maisha Winn, UC Davis School of Education, TJE Center; Torry Winn, UC Davis School of Education, TJE Center; Sara Lee, CPS; Tracey Weld, LPC Consulting; Cassandra Jennings, Greater Sacramento Urban League; Troy Williford, OKCBC; LaVonya Simpo, WellSpace Health; Melissa Hill, WellSpace Health; Charles Husted, Sac Police; Tasha Johnson, Greater Sacramento Urban League; Tabria Broadway, Greater Sacramento Urban League; Brianna Davis, Greater Sacramento Urban League; Shybria Louis, Department of Human Assistance; Chevist Johnson, UC Davis Med Center; Tanya Bean-Garrett, 21 Reasons; Jamallah Green, Black Mothers United; Stephanie Thompson, City church; Gary Simon, City Church; Stacey Kennedy, Sac County Public Health; Lynn Berkeley-Baskin, NAACP

Meeting Summary

Meeting called to order: 2:26 p.m.

Steering Committee Updates:
Chet Hewitt, Co-Chair, Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.

Kim Pearson, Division Manager, Child Protective Services provided an update on the Sacramento County Cultural Broker program and highlighted related outcome areas. Kim noted that the program has seen progress and cultural brokers have received 42 hour certificate training, with ongoing Citizens Media Academy. Sacramento County has contracted with
Margaret Jackson from Fresno County, for training. The program has assigned 19 families with 11 additional families being assigned this week. A total of 30 families have been assigned since the beginning, with only one family refusing services due to the situation of the child. Clients are not assigned to the CIL, but the organizations work with the CIL. Drop in space for cultural brokers are available at both CILs and CPS. Seven cultural brokers have been trained and can be present at MDT meetings. Modifications to the program are still being determined, including how cases are distributed.

Kindra Montgomery-Block, Senior Program Officer, The Center gave an update on the Cal VIP funding opportunity for the California Board of State and Community Corrections. The Black Child Legacy Campaign will receive this funding and is one of eight grantees in the state (amongst CBOs) working to lift up strategies for community violence prevention and intervention. This funding will support community crisis intervention workers in each CIL for case management with young people. This is the start of additional funding to support 3rd Party Homicides and child abuse and neglect homicide reduction efforts.

Debra Cummings, gave a brief update on the learning from the site visit at the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago around their strategies and data collection. Kindra shared more around case management systems, and is conducting research into CivicCore, a cloud-based tool for case management.

Kindra shared that the Steering Committee received the Grantland Johnson Award for Intergovernmental Cooperation from the American Society for Public Administration Sacramento Chapter for our work around safe sleep.

Chet and Kindra provided an update on the Kings and Queens Rise summer basketball league. This league is a violence interruption effort using basketball as a catalyst. The purpose of the league is to get kids to cross neighborhood boundaries and it will run from June 9 – July 28. The closing tournament will be held at Golden 1 Center. Additionally, this summer the league will host a youth forum on community violence. The league is in partnership with the Build.Black. Coalition and the Sacramento Kings. We are currently recruiting coaches and volunteers.

Debra provided an update of the Stop the Violence march on June 2 at 11am at the Madison Ave Target.

**RAACD Strategy Evaluation Presentation**

*Dr. Maisha Winn, Torry Winn and Dr. Vajra Watson, Transformative Justice in Education (TJE) Center, UC Davis* provided an overview of the RAACD evaluation strategy. Please see attached slides.

**Community Incubator Lead Presentation: Greater Sacramento Urban League**

*Brianna Davis, Program Lead, Greater Sacramento Urban League* gave an overview of the Oak Park CIL. Please see the attached slides.
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Meeting adjourned: 4:33 p.m.
The Transformative Justice in Education Center (TJE) and The Office of Research and Policy for Equity (University of California, Davis)
WHO WE ARE

The Transformative Justice in Education Center (TJE) and the Office of Research and Policy for Equity, both research and practice centers housed at the University of California, Davis, have partnered to offer our expertise to evaluate the implementation of the RAACD strategies.

As the lead researchers, we are poised to provide a rigorous mixed-method evaluation of the RAACD strategies. As scholar activists who are committed to using research in service of social change, we will bring our wealth of experience and knowledge to this work.

Principal Investigators:

Maisha T. Winn, PhD

Lawrence T. Winn, PhD

Dr. Vajra Watson, PhD
The mission of the Transformative Justice in Education Center (TJE) is to serve practitioners and researchers committed to disrupting racial inequities and social injustices in education by creating restorative, humanizing, justice-seeking teaching and learning communities. TJE believes in a transformative justice approach, which goes beyond one model to challenge inequities; instead, it seeks to address the harms and obligations inherent in social, economic, and politic systems. TJE’s employs restorative justice and humanizing research to address inequities in education and marginalized communities. TJE also provides technical assistance (evaluation, trainings, research, etc.) to schools, community-based non-profits, residents, families, and colleges/universities.
The Office of Research and Policy for Equity aligns the university, community, and schools to break barriers to achievement and provide pathways to lifelong success. Over the last decade, the Office of Equity has collaborated with more than fifty community-based organizations and schools in the Sacramento area.

Through the award-winning SAYS program, the Office of Equity has directly impacted the lives of more that 10,000 young people and their families and trained over 800 educators in social justice pedagogy and praxis. As an innovative research center, the office of equity has published numerous culturally relevant evaluation reports for Oakland Unified School District, the Umoja Community College Initiative, the UC Office of the President, among others (https://equity.ucdavis.edu).
WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. We believe that evaluators/researchers must resist conducting “damage centered” evaluations/research in indigenous and marginalized communities (Tuck, 2009). The seven neighborhoods identified for implementation strategies have been historically marginalized, racially segregated, and economically oppressed. As researchers who come from similar communities...

2. We believe in “humanizing research” in which scholars become “worthy witnesses” in their sites by earning the respect and trust of participants (Paris & Winn, 2013). As a collection of scholars, we have written over hundred articles, books, chapters, and reports that discuss the participants being experts and not objects/subjects.
WHAT WE BELIEVE

3. We believe that race matters, justice matters, history matters, and language matters. To get to the root of inequities, race, history, justice and language needs to be examined and explicitly addressed.

4. We believe that the purpose of the Black Child Legacy Campaign aligns seamlessly with the work and the hopes of our centers that every child—especially children from marginalized communities—has the access, support, and opportunity to healthy and prosperous lives.
PURPOSE OF EVALUATION

First, it is to examine the ways in which the Steering Committee on the Reduction of African American Child Deaths (RAACD) implementation of five strategies targeting seven neighborhoods are impacting African American child death.

Five Strategies:
• Advocacy and Policy
• Equitable Investment and Systemic Impact
• Coordinated Systems of Support
• Data Driven Accountability and Collective Impact
• Communication and Information Systems
PURPOSE OF EVALUATION

**Second,** the evaluation seeks to identify the challenges and promising practices of the implementation. Third, we hope that the findings from this evaluation will offer suggestions to improve implementation and planning of the RAACD’s strategies and help replicate them in other jurisdictions and communities.

**At the conclusion** of the evaluation, RAACD and other stakeholders will have access to the final report, which will be used to improve the implementation and provide insight to public systems and community residents working together to improve the life chances for African American children.
PURPOSE OF EVALUATION

As equity-oriented scholars, we want to learn together with the Black Child Legacy Campaign what strategies work, the best ways to implement them, and the ways in which we can build a supportive community for Black health in Sacramento.
**Guiding Questions**

1. In what ways and to what extent has each strategy been implemented?
2. What are the challenges to and facilitators of implementation success?
3. How, if at all, are the RAACD strategies influencing public systems and their relationships with community organizations?
4. How, if at all, are the RAACD strategies strengthening communities in ways that are likely to reduce African American child death and sustain low rates of African American child deaths into the future (e.g. increased CIL capacity, reduction of risk factors for the four causes of death, improved utilization of services?)

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<td>Stakeholders, community organizations, participants staff, county, RAACD, Sierra Health Foundation, video, newspaper articles, policy, reports, board meeting notes, etc.</td>
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<td>Recommended methods for data collection &amp; analysis</td>
<td>Qualitative methods which include: participant observations, surveys, archival data, field notes, interviews, focus groups, in vivo, significant statements, and theme coding. Historical analysis.</td>
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HISTORY AND EXPERIENCES MATTER

Historical Analysis
The disproportionality of African American childhood deaths in Sacramento did not develop in isolation. It would be a misnomer to study this crisis without an accurate understanding of its historical context. For that reason, we are partnering with a historian who will focus on archival data and city and public policies (e.g., neighborhood redlining) that shaped the ill-effects of early childhood Black death throughout this region. The historian will also document the legacies of community mobilization (e.g., The Black Panther Party), oral histories, and community cultural wealth that is specific to Sacramento.

Portraiture
Our Strategy Implementation Evaluation will include portraits at the neighborhood level that will further humanize the impact of the Black Child Legacy campaign. Because this work is already underway, further details on this particular component are offered in Appendix A.

Focus Groups and Community-based Writing Workshops
We will host a community-based writing workshop in each of seven neighborhoods. The Office of Equity will facilitate the workshops and the participants will include: service providers and service recipients, as well as strategic partners and policymakers. This cross-section of individuals is important because each person holds a unique perspective on the RAACD strategies. Through various steps, participants will begin to document and tell their own story of Black health in Sacramento.
THANK YOU!

A Transformative Evaluation of the Black Child Legacy Campaign’s 5 Strategies for Success
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# Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT)

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Participatory Action Research and Social Justice
Youth Development
Community Leadership Roundtable

- Michael Blair
- Michael Benjamin II
- Captain Charles Husted
- Tanya Bean-Garrett
- Charles Doss
Partnerships

- Wellspace Health: Cultural Broker Program
- Black Mothers United
- Sacramento Police Department
- UC Davis Health
- Sacramento Job Corps
- American Legion High School
- Father Keith B. Kenny Elementary School
- Always Knocking
Oak Park Pastor Network

- St. Paul Baptist Church
- Shiloh Baptist Church
- New Hope Baptist Church
- New St. Bethel Baptist Church
- City Church
- City of Refuge
Mini Grant Awardees

- 21 Reasons
- CELI Inc
- Center Circle
- Fades4Grades
- Fresher Sacramento
- GSEP
- Hooked on Fishing
- The BEST Program
- The Right Steps Forward Program
- The Oak Park Poetry Project
- UCDMC: Trauma Intervention/Prevention
Crisis Response Team

- Alert Messaging System
- Coordination between 1st responders, institutions, County agencies, all BCLC CILs and Oak Park Pastor Network to provide rapid response to individuals affected by the crisis.
Thank You