Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths

July 25, 2018
2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Sierra Health Foundation
1321 Garden Hwy, Sacramento, CA 95833

2:15 p.m. Welcome and Updates
Natalie Woods Andrews, Co-Chair
- Cal VIP Funding
- Kings and Queens Rise Co-Ed Basketball League, Greg King, Always Knocking

2:45 p.m. MDT Update
Cynthia Vanzant, CPS
Stephanie Hopkins, DHA
Ray Lozada, Sacramento County Probation Department

3:30 p.m. Steering Committee Recruitment
Kindra Montgomery-Block, Senior Program Officer, The Center

4:05 p.m. Announcements: Important Dates and Events
- July 28, 2018 9am – 12pm – Kings and Queens Rise Final Tournament
  Location: Golden 1 Center, 500 David J Stern Walk

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4:10 p.m. Public Comment

4:15 p.m. Adjourn
Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Members Present: Pastor Alice Baber-Banks, Debra Cummings, Captain Bobby Davis, Paris Dye, Linda Fong-Somera, Steven Garrett, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Tina Roberts, Kim Williams, Essence Webb, Natalie Woods Andrews, Marlon Yarber

Steering Committee Members Not Present: Stephanie Bray, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Gladys Deloney, Pastor Robert Jones, Aliane Murphy-Hasan, Keith Herron,

Excused Absence: Dr. Ethan Cutts, Chet Hewitt, Judge Barry Loncke, Dr. Albina Gogo, Kim Pearson

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

Guests: Torry Winn, UC Davis School of Education, TJE Center; Tracey Weld, LPC Consulting; Stacey Kennedy, Sac County Public Health; Pastor Penelope Larry, Potters House Church; Jackie Washington-Ansley, Sac County Public Health; Samantha Slaughter, CRP WIC; Gina Roberson, Health Education Council

Meeting Summary

Meeting called to order: 2:21 p.m.

Steering Committee Updates:

Natalie Woods Andrews, Co-Chair, Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. Natalie recognized committee member Steve Garrett who was named Sacramento County Public Defender.

Kindra Montgomery-Block, Senior Program Officer, The Center gave an update on the annual Children’s Defense Fund Samuel D. Proctor Institute. A delegation from the Steering Committee and the Black Child Legacy Campaign attended the conference, as well as presented a workshop. Attendees shared their reflections, noting that the conference is a great opportunity to be reconnected and refreshed. Learning included suggestions on working in the field of re-entry, telling our stories, building a deeper connection to community and stretching yourself further in your work.
Kindra Montgomery-Block 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.

Greg King, Executive Director, Always Knocking provided an update on the Kings and Queens Rise summer basketball league and shared its impact. This league is a violence interruption effort using basketball as a catalyst with over 200 youth participants. The closing tournament will be held at Golden 1 Center on July 28. 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.

Multi-Disciplinary Team Update
Cynthia Vanzant, Child Protective Services, Stephanie Hopkins, Department of Human Assistance and Ray Lozada, Sacramento County Probation Department provided an overview of the Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) working in all of the CIL sites. Please see attached slides.

Steering Committee Recruitment
Kindra Montgomery-Block announced that the Steering Committee is currently recruiting for open seats. Please see the attached flyer.

Steering Committee Updates
Linda Fong Somera, First 5 Sacramento, gave an update on the Hospital Care Connection. In response to a need brought up in March, a group of Steering Committee members are working to create a better connection to health care systems and will be bringing forward a one-pager around background to health systems related to the Black Child Legacy Campaign access to care.

Dr. Kasirye, Sacramento County Public Health, gave an update on the a funding opportunity the Sacramento County Public Health Department has pursued related to the work of the Black Child Legacy Campaign through CityMatch. This opportunity will support “Racial healing Revival” and would provide national experts to work with our Sacramento teams on efforts especially related to racial healing.

Marlon Yarber, Sacramento County Probation Department, gave an update on a conference application submitted to highlight the Black Child Legacy Campaign. Marlon and Black Child Legacy Campaign staff submitted an application to the Cultural Competency Summit hosted by the California Institute of Behavioral Health. The theme of this year’s summit is “California’s Diversity: A Call to Action”.

Kindra Montgomery-Block noted that the next iteration of our work is not just documenting what we are doing, but being our own advocates and sharing this work.
Captain Bobby Davis, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, shared that as of today a total of 10 homicides in Sacramento County. Of those 10, only one was juvenile (but not African American). During the same period last year we were at 21 homicides, 2 juveniles and 1 of them was African American.

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The Sacramento Breastfeeding Coalition will be hosting an event for Black Breastfeeding Month on August 30 at Sierra Health Foundation. The event will showcase career information and African American certified lactation consultants.

Sacramento County’s SIDs Coordinator reported only 6 SIDs deaths in 2018, only one who is African American. There were no cases in April, May and June.

Public Comment:
None

Meeting adjourned: 4:09 p.m.
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July 25, 2018 Meeting

The Center at Sierra Health Foundation
Welcome and Updates

MDT Update

Child Protective Services
Department of Human Assistance
Probation Department

Steering Committee Recruitment
Announcements
Kings and Queens Rise Basketball League
MDT Staff & Location:

• Jacquelyn Duncan  Valley Hi
• Diahann McNeely   Fruitridge
• Sara Lee          Oak Park
• Brian Cooper      Arden Arcade
• Tenesha Darden   North Highands/Foothill Farm
• Janelle Gonzalez North Sac/Del Paso Height
• Treess Cannon-Davis Meadowview
MDT Daily Tasks:

• Triage walk-in clients
• Search CPS cases
• Staff cases
• Assist partners in making CPS referrals
• Collaborate with CIL partners
• Educate clients and partners on CPS roles/responsibilities/policy
• Participate in CIL sponsored events/activities
• Attend home/office visits with clients
• Attend partnership meetings
Accomplishments:

• SOP Trainings
• All sites are fully staffed + back-up
• Cohesiveness of MDT members

Challenges:

• MDT process continues to develop in some sites
New Partnerships:

• UC Davis Trauma Prevention Program
• Grace House
• Black Mothers United
• Education Partners
• CPS Cultural Brokers

“Aha” Moments:

• Number of CPS cases that self-refer to CIL sites
• Success Story
MDT Staff & Location: Department of Human Assistance

- Brandi Missouri, DHA-HSS-Arden Arcade
- Ranita Harris, DHA-HSS- North Sacramento/Del Paso Heights
- Kimberly Harris, DHA-HSS-Fruitridge/Stockton
- Demetrias Sawyer, DHA-HSS- Meadowview
- Jahsmeen Pennant, DHA-HSS- North Highlands/Foothill Farms
- Shybria Louis, DHA-HSS- Oak Park
- Cassandra Saunders, DHA-HSS- Valley Hi
Multidisciplinary Team Update - DHA

MDT Daily Tasks for DHA Staff
• Review new referrals with MDT Team and schedule intake appointments.
• Conducts follow-up calls to families and wellness checks.
• Works with families to reach goals set by the family and MDT Team.
• Collaborates with new partners to participate in upcoming Community Outreach events.
• Staffs act as the liaison for Birth and Beyond.
• Staffs complete school and housing documents to support families in transition.
• Supports families and youth through crisis and hardship, through problem solving and positing encouragement.
• Staffs conduct one-on-one meetings with families to ensure DHA benefits and resources are in alignment with the needs of the family.
• Staffs participate in monthly meetings with DHA Planner, to discuss progress and potential changes needed within workflows of out-stationed staff, DHA bureaus and the CIL.
• Staffs continually review cases to determine which resources are needed for customers assigned to the CIL site.
• Staffs consistently educate customers on BCLC and DHA policies, rules and regulations and offer resources as needed.
• Staffs are currently working with the assigned DHA Planner to start conducting trainings for all DHA bureaus, to ensure the BCLC information has been distributed throughout the bureaus.
• Other duties as assigned.
Accomplishments
DHA continues to work in collaboration with the Department of Child Protective Services (CPS) and the Sierra Health Foundation (The Center), to conduct Bi-Monthly meetings which allows BCLC partners to hear from the County management team, receive updates, discuss the current accomplishments and new challenges, successes, lessons learned and the future visions of BCLC.
Accomplishments (Continued)

- Staffs continue to show a growing interest in BCLC which has produced stronger case management.
- The Community fair at our Susie Gaines Bureau received a lot of referrals and new potential partnerships.
- Outreach events allowed our staff to spread the word about the BCLC program with community members and DHA workers.
- Our staff have helped families from the MDT furnish their new home and provided transportation through our DHA benefits and new found resources.
- DHA has recently conducted an orientation with the Oak Park CIL to provide a Community Work Experience Program (CWEX) participant to support the goals of BCLC.
Challenges

• Creating new partnerships that bridge the gaps between community partners, which ultimately provides a larger pool of resources.
• Removing stereotypes from the families about welfare and public assistance.
• Becoming more transparent with families and creating trustworthy relationship that allows DHA to assist families in moving from dependency to self-sufficiency.
• Additional resources that transition homeless families into permanency.
New Partnerships and “Aha” Moments
The CILs have continued to create windows of opportunities with a few of the below new partnerships. Additionally, CILs have found that the ‘Aha’ moments come from the success stories surrounding the community involvement in support of the Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC).

- Franklin Templeton
- San Juan School District
- Project Optimism
- New Creation Church
- Arden Arcade Chamber of Commerce
- Black Infant Health (renewed contract)
- Sacramento Unified Schools District and local schools
- SCUSD – connect Center
- Birth & Beyond, Family Resource Center
- Angels of Mercy House of Deliverance
- Another Choice, Another Chance
- Square Root Academy
- Escape Velocity
- Earth Mama Healing
Officers staff cases with the team. Working in the capacity as Probation Officers, we look for ways to empower the case manager and make decisions on the behalf of the client.

- Address issues related to probation
- Mediate / Advocate with the Probation Officer
- Transfer cases to BCLC Officers to close any discretionary in consistencies
- Aim to make probation work for the client
Challenges

• Departmental growth resulted in a high rate of turnover.

• Collaboration Chemistry: The passion with that of the collaboration.

• Collaboration Probations Role: Being a dynamic collaboration, it was necessary to establish a dynamic working culture.

• Equity among CIL’s: Request to bring all BCLC Officers under one Supervisor. (May)
Accomplishments

- Three of four Officers with great experience selected for BCLC
- Team approach as four Officers serve all seven sites.
- Officers have been intentional, delegated most of their time, getting acquainted and getting familiar with the chemistry at each site.
- Recently armed and have the capacity to conduct home visits and function in the community
- Caseloads consist of clients to address all three BCLC Goals.
  a. Gang Involved / High Risk Youth,
  b. Living in CIL zip codes
  c. Parents and expecting (Young Fathers and Mothers)
Multidisciplinary Team Update - Probation

- Youth
- Parents
- Families
- Community Organizations: Non-Governmental
- Government: Law Enforcement, Probation
Multidisciplinary Team Update - Probation

Senior Deputy Probation Officer Larry King

- Oak Park
- Fruitridge
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Senior Deputy Probation Officer John Newsome
• Del Paso Heights
• North Highlands / Foothill Farms
Deputy Probation Officer Kendal Boughton

- Valley Hi
- Meadowview
Multidisciplinary Team Update - Probation

Deputy Probation Officer Keith Harrison

- Arden Arcade
- North Highlands / Foothill Farms
New Partnerships Special Moments

- Officers are establishing working relationships with community organizations and making referrals.
- BCLC Officers are the primary contacts for department generated referrals
- Working to empower and support the BCLC Collaboration case by case, one life at a time.

DPH Kings and Queens Player……
Multidisciplinary Team Update - Probation
Now recruiting for the following seats:

- Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Foundations
- Health Care Systems – Dignity Health
- Health Care Systems – Sutter Health
- Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Board
- Housing Advocacy and Policy
THANK YOU.
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About the Steering Committee:
The Steering Committee is a community-driven body of dedicated individuals working to reduce deaths among African American children by between 10 percent and 20 percent by 2020 in Sacramento County. The Committee was established by a resolution of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in June 2013. Its ultimate charge is to provide coordination and oversight efforts, create a strategic plan, monitor implementation, evaluate and report on progress toward reducing the disproportional number of African American child deaths, in the four issue areas: deaths related to perinatal conditions, infant sleep related deaths, homicide related to child abuse and neglect and third party homicide.

For more information and to find application materials, please visit [www.shfcenter.org/raacd](http://www.shfcenter.org/raacd)

* Applicant must be employed by the listed organization or sit on the governing board.