



**THE CENTER**  
at Sierra Health Foundation

## **Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths (RAACD)**

**Date: May 20, 2020**

**2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZctdO-rpzgoEt2TCv-yEAGAXIEi8akWqjZZ>

### **Meeting Summary Notes**

#### Meeting Attendance

**Steering Committee Members Present:** Pastor Alice Baber Banks, Debra Cummings, Dr. Ethan Cutts, Assistant Chief of Police Bobby Davis, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Linda Fong-Somera, Steven Garrett, Keith Herron, Chet Hewitt, Stephanie Hopkins, Pastor Robert Jones, Kula Koenig, Aliane Murphy Hasan, Kim Pearson, Tina Roberts, Shannon Shaw, Essence Webb, Kim Williams, Natalie Woods Andrews, and Marlon Yarber

**Steering Committee Members not present:** Paris Dye

**The Center staff:** Leslie Cooksy, Kindra Montgomery-Block, and Jessica Josiah

**Guests:** Jerome Chapel, Black Child Legacy Campaign, Community Intervention Worker; Samantha Slaughter, CRP/WIC; Robin Kelly-Dunton, California State Assembly; Natosha Roberts, GSUL; Tasha Johnson, GSUL

#### Meeting Summary

**Meeting called to order 2:30 p.m.**

##### **Welcome and Check-In**

*Chet Hewitt and Dr. Natalie Woods Andrews, Co-Chairs, Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths* opened the meeting with welcome and a round robin check-in to see how everyone is doing and handling the transition of working from home amidst COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

##### **COVID-19 BCLC Impact Activities and Actions**

*Kindra Montgomery-Bock, Senior Program Officer, The Center,* provided updates on the status of the Black Child Legacy Campaign, stating that the county has agreed to extend BCLC's work for a 1-year continuance through June 2021. BCLC previously planned to attend the Board of Supervisors in-person to advocate, but due to continued social distancing guidelines, that date has now been moved to July 28.

Kindra displayed her next set of agenda items in a PowerPoint presentation. See below for access to that PowerPoint.



In Kindra's presentation, she provided the Steering Committee with a list of updates pertaining to the work of the Black Child Legacy Campaign. Over the next month her team will work to revise the Steering Committee Application for those that are interested in applying for empty seats on the committee. In a display of the BCLC COVID-19 food distribution infographic, Kindra showcased the work done in each of the 7 neighborhoods by the Community Incubator Leads (CILs), along with Debra Cummings and her group of Community Mothers of 95838. The CILs and Community Mothers group served food to families over 9 weeks in the midst of this global, national, and local health crisis. The graphic displayed shows that over 13,000 individuals were fed from March 20 through April 28. This includes over 1,200 families served, over 4,000 infants and children, and nearly 2,000 seniors.

Kindra also announced that BCLC, along with the partnership of the Sacramento Kings Organization, has been nominated for the 2020 ESPN Team Sports Humanitarian Award for Kings and Queens Rise. In the midst of COVID-19, BCLC's efforts still continue to shine around young people and their families. Kings and Queens Rise is a part of the violence prevention effort for the summer. Kindra stated that there is work being done to move the 8-week basketball league to a virtual league. With this award, BCLC will receive \$25,000 from ESPN with a \$100,000 award if BCLC wins the ultimate grant prize. This award will be presented on ESPN on June 21, 2020.

### **Trust and Invest in Families**

*Kula Koenig, Steering Committee Member/United Way*, presented to the Steering Committee an opportunity for innovation. Kula communicated an idea of how we can directly invest in families through the Family Independence Initiative, which is all about trusting and investing in families. The approach to this initiative is through 3 approaches that begins with direct investment, which provides direct investments in the hands of families so they can achieve their own well-being. The second step through this approach is social capital through a platform called *Up Together* that connects all of the families that have received direct families together. In the third stage of this approach, through the *Up Together* platform, these families now have the choice and control to connect with one another and share ideas or invest.

See the pdf attachment below for more details on this model and approach.



### **BCLC Evaluation Update**

In the next presentation, *Dr. Leslie Cooksy, Evaluation Director, The Center* shared with the committee evaluation updates on quality assessments, child death rates, crime rates, and the Healing the Hood Program. More details of this report can be found in the pdf attached below.



### **Announcements: Important Dates and Events**

- **July 28, 2020 – BCLC Presentation to the Board of Supervisors**  
Location: 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
  
- **Looking for Steering Committee Members for a BCLC Workgroup for the MOU**
  - This workgroup will be making sure the language listed within the MOU reads appropriately. Also functionality of how we lay the language out in the MOU.
  - The MOU serves as the agreement between all the County departments, SETA, First5, all of the out station workers, SHRA, etc. to really think about what the roles and responsibilities inside of each CIL and what are the roles and responsibilities of Sierra Health Foundation and the Center.

### **Public Comment**

No Public Comments

### **Closing**

*Dr. Natalie Woods Andrews, Co-Chairs, Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths* closed the meeting by stating, “I can’t imagine us being in this pandemic 5 years ago. This pandemic happened at a time where we have there able to put this infrastructure [Black Child Legacy Campaign] in place and have a solid infrastructure of support for our families.” Dr. Woods went on to say that the consistent support in the community has been life-saving and meant so much to our families.

Dr. Woods ended the meeting with thanks to everyone, including Chet and his leadership at Sierra Health Foundation, and well wishes for everyone to stay healthy and stay safe.

4:15 p.m. meeting adjourned.