

Steering Committee on the Reduction of African American Child Deaths

**November 18, 2015
2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Sierra Health Foundation**

Meeting Outcomes:

- 1) Finalize Year 1 priority area timelines
- 2) Share plans for collaborative RFP strategy with CILs and partnership with county MDTs and cultural brokers.

2:15 p.m. ***Special Update: Debra Cummings**
***Committee Sac Bee OpEd Review – Collective Opportunity Discussion**

Workgroup Planning: (5 Priority Areas)

- Finalize Work-plan: Activities, Tasks, and Deliverables
- Plan Important Dates

3:00 p.m. **Welcome and Updates:**
Kindra Montgomery-Block

- *California County Tours*
- *City of Sacramento*
- *Master Calendar Review*

3:15 p.m. **Workgroup Updates: (5 Priority Areas)**
(ALL)

3:50 p.m. **Updates and Next Steps**
Kindra Montgomery-Block

- Meeting Participant Feedback Form

4:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Meeting Summary Notes

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members: Pastor Alice Baber-Banks, Stephanie Bray, Debra Cummings, Ethan Cutts, Captain Bobby Davis, Gladys Deloney, Paris Dye, Diane Galati, Keith Herron, Chet Hewitt (phone), Barry Loncke, Gina Roberson, Tina Roberts, James Shelby, Essence Webb, Kim Williams, Natalie Woods Andrews, Marlon Yarber

Center Staff: Diane Littlefield, Robert Phillips, Leslie Cooksy, Kindra Montgomery-Block, Madeline Sabatoni

Guests: Julie Gallelo (First 5), Yuuko Feletto (SCOE Infant Development Program), Andrea Lemos (SCOE), Kalyca Seabrook (Child Abuse Prevention Center), Lynn Berkeley-Baskin (Sacramento Faces Race), Sean Walker, Alex Buckmaster, Emily Jones (CFM Church), Isabella Welch, Troy Williford

Not Present:

Steering Committee Members: Pastor Robert Jones, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Leslie Moore, Robert Moynihan, Aliane Murphy Hasan

Excused Absence: Linda Fong-Somera (proxy), Kim Pearson, Wendy Petko,

Meeting called to order:

2:21 pm

Kindra opened the meeting by giving Debra Cummings the floor to talk about the recent shooting in Del Paso Heights and the role of the Steering Committee. In the community, candlelight vigils were held and the committee helped support the youth by providing food. A lot of community residents have asked about next steps and are in need of a safe place to meet.

Mr. Shelby noted that we need to have a meeting with local leaders to talk about resources for the community.

Debra said that kids are looking at the next few days – not years – for survival. The community needs professional help.

Guest Troy Williford said that they need to get the two factions together – the Heights and the Manor – in neutral territory to help kids stop resorting to violence.

Pastor Banks said that she was with the young men from Grant High School on Sunday morning and if nothing else comes from this, at least she saw 15 preachers come together, when they are usually so divided. The faith community needs to come together and stay together.

Debra noted that everyone was so proud to hold the Black Lives Matter posters and we (the Steering Committee) have something here and can get their attention without death.

Kindra thanked Debra for representing the Steering Committee and Paris Dye for organizing the community. She said that our implementation plan starts with us being able to organize ourselves. The first act is a collective op-ed to be submitted on behalf of the Steering Committee. She asked all members to review the op-ed and have edits by Friday, so it can be submitted to the Sacramento Bee as an immediate response. This is one immediate way to reach community.

Workgroup Planning: Workgroups met from 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Each group was asked to respond to the op-ed, continue with implementation planning and work towards their specific workplan. Workgroups will now have specific agendas for each group.

Workgroup Updates:

Coordinated Systems of Support Workgroup (Focus on TARC)

In the op-ed, they asked that edits be made to make it proactive and not reactive. Together the group worked on questions they will ask the Cultural Broker Program in Fresno when they visit with them to learn more about their work.

ICPC Workgroup

This workgroup is working on various RFPs including funding to CPS for the cultural brokers and RFPs for MDTs (Multi-Disciplinary Teams) and CILS (Community Incubator Leads). Decisions on proposals will be made in March and April. Regarding the cultural brokers, they are working with CPS to go out with social workers. Cultural brokers will be working for a selected agency. The Steering Committee will have a chance to review the draft documents. This workgroup will be going with the TARC team for the Cultural Broker Program visit in Fresno.

Promoting Advocacy Workgroup

This workgroup is working on the CLR (Community Leadership Roundtable) application and making sure it is straightforward so that anyone can apply. Additionally they are working on a grassroots nomination process for the CLR and will send a nomination application. Steering Committee members are reaching out to individuals who may be interested in applying. By the next meeting, this workgroup will identify potential nominees and set a plan for the CLR meeting in January.

Evaluation Workgroup

This workgroup will be researching evaluations from similar work, identifying data sources and indicators and holding a workgroup meeting on Dec 1 to learn what county data we have access to. This workgroup will develop a draft plan with feedback from CILs, TARC, etc. They will need an RFP for the data hub. The final outcome is the evaluation plan.

Communication Workgroup

This workgroup is finalizing an RFP timeline. It is important to align this work with the other workgroups, so that the RFP is completed slightly ahead and that the firm can support the work of any community partners on the ground. The workgroup has a draft RFP and is looking at having a bidders conference so that potential partners understand the seriousness of the work and make sure the messages reflect the community. This workgroup is doing research to help encourage specific people to apply.

Updates and Next Steps

Tina Roberts shared a quote from Maya Angelou – “great change takes time” and noted that this too, will take time.

Kindra said this is our chance to create an opportunity to move together.

Meeting adjourned