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at Sierra Health Foundation

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

Date: September 20, 2023

2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Sierra Health Foundation

2150 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833

Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Members Present: Debra Cummings, Dr. Ethan Cutts, Bobby Davis, Paris Dye, Stephanie Hopkins, Kim Williams

Steering Committee Members Not Present: Julie Davis-Jaffe, Linda Fong-Somera, Keith Herron, Chet Hewitt, Pastor Robert Jones, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Dr. Ryan Quist, Gina Roberson, Tina Roberts, Marlon Yarber

The Center staff: Erica Allen, Shelley Dyer, Persiasymone Simmons, Amaya Noguera

Guests: Janine Baker, Jordan Katti (Applied Survey Research), Alyssa Mullins (Applied Survey Research)

Meeting Summary

Meeting started 2:30 p.m.

Welcome and Updates

Stephanie Hopkins, Vice-Chair, RAACD Steering Committee

- I. No quorum
- II. Last Steering Committee meeting of the year without votable action

Steering Committee Member Roll Call

Erica Allen, BCLC Senior Program Associate, Community and Economic Development

Steering Committee Interview Updates

Shelley Dyer, Managing Director, Local Initiatives

- I. Steering Committee decision point: How are we going to vote the newest members in?
 - a. In person, virtual, or hybrid?



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- II. Seats vacant:
 - a. Child Abuse Prevention Council seat
 - b. Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health seat
 - c. Judicial Seat
 - d. Education seat
 - e. Housing Advocacy and Policy seat
 - f. Youth Representative seat
 - g. Two additional Foundation seats
 - h. Three more Healthcare Systems leaders
 - i. Physicians, etc.
 - i. One more Civic Groups member
 - j. One more Faith-Based Organization seat

Presentation: Black Child Legacy Campaign Focus Area Data

Applied Survey Research

- I. Using findings from variety of data sources to identify best option for new CIL location
- II. Methodology
 - a. Identified current CIL locations
 - b. Excluded zip codes with less than 500 Black residents
 - c. Identified top 10 for each measure (i.e. highest proportion, highest disparity, etc.)
 - d. Counted a total # of measures where a zip code ranked in the top 10
- III. Limitations
 - a. Child death data limited to multi-year aggregate, missing more current data
 - b. Zip code level data not available for all preventable causes of deaths
 - c. Secondary indicators selected as they are measurable, applicable, and available at zip code level and do not intend to be representative of all factors impacting communities
 - d. Counts provided are limited to zip codes with over 500 Black residents
 - e. May exclude the interconnectedness of communities between zip code lines

Post-Presentation Comments

- I. *Dr. Ethan Cutts, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. Are there barriers (road systems, highway systems, etc.) keeping people from accessing a CIL's services?
- II. *Kim Williams, Steering Committee Member*



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- a. It'd be a good idea to ask Valley Hi/South Sacramento Christian Center and Rose Family what percentage of the people they serve are coming from the deeper Valley Hi and Rancho Cordova areas
 - i. This information could help decide where to put funding
- III. *Paris Dye, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. The funds have been dispersed evenly among the CILs but maybe we'll change how we distribute once we get the 8th CIL site
- IV. *Shelley Dyer, Managing Director, Local Initiatives*
 - a. State Block Funding (brought to the board on Sep. 26): funding available for the CILs with the top 4 amounts of substantiated CPS allegations through June 2024
 - i. Valley Hi (19%), Rose Family/Meadowview (19%), Arden Arcade (37%), Roberts Family (25%)

Public Comment and Announcements

- I. *Shelley Dyer, Managing Director, Local Initiatives*
 - a. Jedida Gomes will be joining the Center as BCLC's new Program Officer
- II. *Paris Dye, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. Anecdote, "Say yes to kids", kids have a place to go to
 - b. County Board of Supervisors hosted their annual retreat at the North Highlands/Foothill Farms CIL site
 - i. Eddrianna Marshall gave a 15 minute presentation on BCLC's work in the area as well as her own experiences being a former BCLC youth
 1. "Say yes to kids" theme, Black kids in Sacramento have a program that won't go away

Closing

Stephanie Hopkins, Vice-Chair, RAACD Steering Committee

- I. **Next Meeting: November 15th, 2023 at 2:15 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 4:01 p.m.