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

**Date: January 27, 2023**

**2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Sierra Health Foundation**

**1321 Garden Hwy, Sacramento, CA 95833**

**Meeting Summary Notes**

#### Meeting Attendance

**Steering Committee Members Present:** Debra Cummings, Captain Bobby Davis, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Paris Dye, Steven Garrett, Chet Hewitt, Stephanie Hopkins, Pastor Robert Jones, Tina Roberts, Shannon Shaw, Kim Williams, Chief Marlon Yarber, Dr. Ryan Quist,

**Steering Committee Members not present:** Dr. Ethan Cutts, Linda Fong-Somera, Keith Herron, Kim Pearson, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Gina Roverson

**The Center staff:** Shelley Dyer, Tiare Summerhays, Monica Nelson, Persiasymone Simmons

**Guests:** Pastor Alice Baber-Banks, Dr. King

#### Meeting Summary

**Meeting started 2:20 p.m.**

#### **Welcome and Updates**

*Chet Hewitt, Chair of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths,* opened the meeting by thanking partners for their work and paying respects regarding multiple recent shooting tragedies. He also spoke about the search for a new co-chair, as well as the expansions into Fresno. All committees are now required to meet in person, as per the county's instructions.

#### **HEALING THE HOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

*Dr. King, co-lead of Healing the Hood's Crisis Response team*

- I. Thanked the Steering Committee for their work
- II. End of year 2022 report
  - a. 54 homicides in city, 57 in county
    - i. Crisis response team responded to over 60 out of 111; provided aftercare



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- III. Teams from other areas respond to any neighborhood's calls  
*Debra Cumming, co-lead of Healing the Hood's Crisis Response team*
  - I. Thanked the HtH team for being "boots to the ground" as well  
*Paris Dye, Healing the Hood crisis intervention worker*
    - I. "The crisis response team has a relationship with the community that's impossible for law enforcement to have"- Captain Chris Warren and Detective Hernandez on behalf of Sheriff's Department  
*Captain Bobby Davis*
  - I. Crisis response has impacted law enforcement interactions in the area

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER VICE CHAIR**

*Led by Shelley Dyer (Associate Director, Community and Economic Development)*

- I. Vice-Chair will act/support in absence of the Chair
- II. Two people interested as of today's meeting

### **UPCOMING INTERVIEWS FOR NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Led by Shelley Dyer (Associate Director, Community and Economic Development)*

- I. People will vet the best applicants
- II. Anyone interested in helping conduct the interviews should contact Shelley
  - a. Debra Cummings will be on the panel

### **Black Child Legacy Campaign Pilot in Fresno East Bay Community Foundation**

*Led by Shelley Dyer (Associate Director, Community and Economic Development)*

- I. Still in design phase
  - a. One year pilot opportunity
  - b. \$85k in funding
  - c. Hopefully launching this summer
  - d. Would be our first major expansion
- II. "Chief Probation Officer in Fresno County is very interested"- Chief Marlon Yarber
- III. "Possible field trip/meeting to discuss and build support for expansions into other jurisdictions"- Chet Hewitt
  - a. Dr. Ryan Quist is willing to facilitate

### **Building Stronger Families Launch**

*Led by Shelley Dyer (Associate Director, Community and Economic Development)*

- I. Funding allocated by: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors through the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)



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- II. Funding 15 family navigators that'll be hired at each of the BCLC sites and family resource centers
  - a. Family navigators will be helping connect people to needed resources
  - b. Focused on neighborhoods hardest hit by Covid
- III. Runs from today until the end of December 2024
- IV. Collaboration between BCLC and Birth and Beyond

### **Public Comment and Announcement**

*Paris Dye*

- I. Student voices has returned in person
- II. This year's subject is on March 30<sup>th</sup>, engaging youth in conversations surrounding violence, trauma, and substance abuse
  - a. About 100 youth participating
  - b. Youth driven solutions

*Tina Roberts*

- I. Brought attention to unique partnerships of BCLC/Healing the Hood/etc.
- II. Black Joy Parade in Oakland on February 26<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Info/website: <https://www.blackjoyparade.org/>

*Ryan Quist*

- I. Received \$21.8 million for youth psychiatric help facility and youth crisis stabilization unit
  - a. Max. capacity is 27 youth
  - b. Under renovation, funding has to be completed by 2026

### **Closing**

*Chet Hewitt (Chair of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths)*

- I. **Next Meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:15 p.m.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:07 p.m.**