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at Sierra Health Foundation

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

Date: May 17, 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, Dr. Ethan Cutts, Robert Davis, Linda Fong Somera, Keith Herron, Kim Pearson, Tina Roberts, Shannon Shaw, Kim Williams, Gina Roberson, Dr. Ryan Quist, Chet Hewitt

Steering Committee Members not present: Julie Davis-Jaffe, Paris Dye, Stephanie Hopkins, Pastor Bobby Jones, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Marlon Yarber

The Center staff: Shelley Dyer, Monica Nelson, Persiasymone Simmons, Amaya Noguera

Guests: Daniel Oforlea, Jasmine Brosnan, Janine Cooper, Brandi Missouri, Shamir Griffin (ACRC Service Coordinator), Herman Kothe, Amelia Lawless, Nyah Wright, Malcolm Harris

Meeting Summary

Meeting started 2:20 p.m.

Welcome and Updates

Chet Hewitt, Chair, RAACD Steering Committee

- I. Looking for BCLC Program Officer
- II. Returning to in-person Steering Committee meetings in July

Steering Committee Member Roll Call

Monica Nelson, Program Associate, Community and Economic Development

Steering Committee Member Vice-Chair Election

Shelley Dyer, Interim Managing Director, Community and Economic Development

- I. Choosing at next SC meeting

Preparation for Steering Committee Ideation Session

Chet Hewitt, Chair, RAACD Steering Committee

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- I. *Tina Roberts, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. We should revisit the RAACD charter to remember how the Steering Committee came to be
 - b. Cultural brokers and CIL leads should be invited in order to fill them into RAACD's history
- II. *Debra Cummings, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. Should consider a refresher course, we have a lot of newer people
 - b. How can we incorporate prenatal care?
- III. Profound Purpose Institute returning with 5/23 WEAVE Domestic Violence Training
- IV. *Keith Herron, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. It'd be good to poll the CIL leads and cultural brokers to see what those on the ground need
- V. *Shamir Griffin*
 - a. We need to talk about the often ignored groups w/in the Black community
 - i. LGBTQ+, people with developmentally disorders, mentally ill
- VI. *Chet Hewitt, Chair, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. There needs to be a conversation about the rates of suicide among Black youth as well
- VII. *Monica Nelson, Program Associate, Community and Economic Development*
 - a. Mental Health Awareness Month
- VIII. *Chet Hewitt, Chair, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. Need help from Bobby Davis to connect w/ Elk Grove City Council
- IX. *Shelley Dyer, Interim Managing Director, Community and Economic Development*
 - a. We've received funding from the East Bay Foundation to support our Fresno branch/CIL
- X. *Kim Williams, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. We need to pinpoint the post-Covid issues the CILs are facing now, as well as the arising trends
- XI. *Shelley Dyer, Interim Managing Director, Community and Economic Development*
 - a. Applied Survey Research study on Black child death in Sacramento will be presented in July

Public Comment and Announcements

- I. *Brandi Missouri*
 - a. Housing is a huge issue right now, lots of evictions

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.