

**Greater Chatham Initiative  
Youth & Support Services Committee Meeting  
Held at the Urban Partnership Bank  
7801 S. State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60619  
Friday, December 1, 2016 – 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Ashley Casiello. Casiello welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Individual in attendance introduced themselves:

Octavia Tyson – Chicago Department of Public Health  
Brian Ragsdale – Community Resident  
Cheryl Howard Neal – Mentoring Illinois

Previous Minutes

Approval of the October 6, 2017 and November 3, 2017 minutes has been postponed until the All Committee Meeting in February.

COFI Recap

Because of low attendance at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Event, COFI will hold a make-up event for parents at Tanner Elementary School on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Relationship Building; Small Scale, High Impact GCI Projects

After encountering low turnout for both the Harvest Festival and COFI principal and parent trainings, GCI has decided to put a greater amount of focus on relationship building with local institutions and organizations. To foster better relationships, GCI will create projects for its committee coordinators. These projects will then go before the committee for approval. Some proposed projects for the Youth and Support Service Committee include participation in local PAC meetings and the creation of a read aloud program at the local elementary schools. In addition, any input committee members have on strategies for increased community engagement would be appreciated.

Catalyst Committee Conclusions

Over the past year GCI has asked the members of its Catalyst Committee, comprised of representatives from each of the advisory committees as well as board members and field specialists, to look at the initiatives proposed to us and determine which initiatives, when launched together, accelerate and amplify the desired outcomes. After working with the consulting group Mission Measurement, GCI came up with a Success Equation to determine desired outcomes and organize activities accordingly. This equation allowed the committee to come to a list of 11 prioritized initiatives with a large expected impact, along with a list of 13 lesser impactful initiatives that GCI is recommended to pursue with a more lenient timeline. Attached to your email, we have provided a visual of these initiatives. While we agree that what was decided upon needs to be pursued, we are also aware that these chosen initiatives do not necessarily address all the challenges our community is facing. For this reason, we are looking for committee members to review the list and provide feedback, both on how to improve existing initiatives, on which channels GCI should explore to fill in the holes still left. This information will be gone over in greater detail at the All Committee event in February.

2018 All-Committee Event

In February of 2018 (date TBA), GCI will host its first All Committee Event, a forum where all active committee members will meet to discuss past activities and goals for 2018 on out. This is a chance for our committee members to meet each other, engage cross-committee, and become reacquainted with GCI's mission and the committees' place within it. We strongly recommend that anyone planning on working with GCI into the future should attend.

Committee Member Asset Mapping

GCI is looking to create subcommittees to carry out actions proposed during regular committee meetings. To form these subcommittees, it would be useful for committee members to list which ways they are willing and able to help, whether it be volunteer hours, promoting messages through list serves and forums, bringing together

disparate partners, funding opportunities, etc. We plan to gather some of this information at the All Committee Meeting in February, but it would be of great help if you could also fill out the Committee Member Asset Mapping Form sent out via email.

*Local Internships, job offerings, and apprenticeships*

GCI would like to remind its committee members that it is always looking to share information on local job, internship, and apprenticeship opportunities available to local youth. If you have knowledge of any opportunities, please share them with Ashley at [ashley@greaterchathaminitiative.org](mailto:ashley@greaterchathaminitiative.org).

Meeting adjourned 11:31 a.m.

The next meeting will be held in March, following our February All Committee meeting.