

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 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, BLM: Chicago, CAARPR
Cheryl Howard Neal – MENTOR Illinois
Anastasia Chapital – Wurthee, NFP
Jeanette Foreman – J Foreman and Associates
Terica Middleton – GCYC
Krissy Williams – Bleu Den
Nedra Sim Fears - GCI

Previous Minutes

Approval of the October 6, 2017 and November 3, 2017 minutes has been delegated to email. The December 1, 2017 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

- Friday, December 1, 2016 changed to Friday, December 1, 2017
- In addition to community resident, Brian Ragsdale is also a member of BLM: Chicago and CAARPR

All Committee Recap

The All Committee meeting held on Saturday, February 24 was an opportunity for members of GCI's various committees to meet one another and learn about the work going in in committees other than their own. At the end of the meeting, we held breakout sessions for each committee (Public Safety and Youth were combined), where committee members were asked to attend any session they chose. Overall, the feedback we received was positive, though committee members expressed that they want GCI to make the connections between initiatives clearer so that they have a better understanding of how the work is related. Committee members also felt that there was not enough time in the breakout sessions to get work done. It was suggested that we have a retreat.

Discussion of Initiative C5 Leading and Lagging Indicators

Upon hearing the leading and lagging indicators for initiative C5, committee members believed GCI has the right metrics to measure the success of a school and housing marketing campaign. The only addition they suggested was to include more data about what our goals were, and how we planned to meet them. Committee members would like to see a version of the iconic initiative chart that better highlights the cohesion between initiatives. They had trouble following the direction of the chart and discerning how each initiative related to each other and each committee. Further discussion is necessary to determine the best way to make this information clear.

Youth Committee Partner Resources and Needs

Committee members want GCI to highlight internship opportunities with partners and in the community, and to use internships and/or volunteer opportunities for community youth whenever possible. Currently, GCI isn't set up to handle a formal internship program but is willing to work with partners who do (such as GCYC) to prepare a program for the future. Further discussion needs to be held about the specific needs of partner organizations and how GCI can assist, as well as what resources partner organizations have available to GCI.

Youth Committee Scope of Work

GCI's small staff means that work within the organization must be prioritized. The board has approved that GCI can focus on the 12 Iconic Initiatives. Outside of this work, GCI will rely on partnerships and committee leads to get any additional work done. GCI needs a partner to lead a program in the schools, where service providers would set up a table at school report card pickups to disseminate information and forge stronger relationships with schools, families, and students. This work is in addition to Iconic Initiative C5. If committee members wish to pursue

additional projects, such as creating internship opportunities, additional partner leads from the committee need to step forward.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018.