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Greater Chatham Initiative Health & Support Services Committee Meeting Held at the Urban Partnership Bank 2001 E. State Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60619 Friday, October 4, 2017 – 10:00-11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Program Coordinator Ashley Castella. Castella welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Individuals in attendance introduced themselves.

Ashley Castella, GCI
Charlene Campbell, GCI
Wafiqah Farooq, Chicago Medicine
Jeff Baker, Oakdale Health
Alicia Williams, The New Day
Teresa Middleton, GCI
Aysha Mota Lemons, GCI
Azeemah Farooq, Finance and Association
Tracy Cooney, GCI

September 8, 2017 Minutes were reviewed and ratified.

GCI Planning Grant Update

GCI's Executive Committee agreed to give GCI \$25,000 to plan and implement a principal RJ training event and a parent leadership training event with Greater Chatham elementary school administration and families. The principal event will be held on Monday, October 30th from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm at the Urban Partnership Bank, and the parent event will be held the following Monday, October 23rd, from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Gary Carter Youth Center. The project will also include a brief needs assessment survey for school administration, one-on-one to discuss school climate and needs concerning restorative justice, and it will allow GCI to form relationships with the schools in the area.

Restorative Justice Events

GCI partnered with ReACT to hold a restorative justice (RJ) event in Chatham on Saturday, September 30th in order to introduce youth to the idea of RJ, the work an RJ crew may bring done in their communities, and to host workshops and break out sessions on how to practice RJ themselves. Committee members are working for October 15th from ReACT to attend the next committee meeting to hear an overview on how the events went.

Photo Contest Update

GCI's photo contest has concluded, and GCI is looking for judges to help choose the top three winners. A rubric for judging was distributed to committee members. If interested, please contact Ashley Castella at ashley@greaterchathaminitiative.org.