

GREATER Chatham INITIATIVE

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Greater Chatham Initiative Health & Support Services Committee Meeting Held at the Urban Partnership Bank 2001 S. State Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60679 Friday, May 3, 2013 – 10:00-11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Executive Director Andrea Feares. Feares welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Individuals in attendance introduced themselves:

Bonnie Holmgren, CEO
Andrea Feares Feares, CEO
Kristen Macklin, MPH
Ernest Sanders, Sr. Public Employment Resource Center
Carl Lewis, Brown Park Advisory Council
Michele Bridges, CEO
Dana Fleming, Chicago Cares
Susan Peters, U of C Medical Center
Ashley Carlisle, CEO

CCF's Planning Grant Update

The planning grant for CCF had been submitted to the MacArthur Foundation, and is in review. The planning grant is to provide funds for CCF to convene local elementary school principals and administrators, collect data on school climate and behavioral challenges, and assess the willingness of local schools to participate in a larger restorative justice pilot program.

After School Service Status Report

It has been difficult reaching schools, churches, and other entities providing child care and youth programming. However, we have made progress in reaching out to the parks about their programming, and to our partners. Any information regarding youth resource jobs, camps, and other opportunities will be posted on our website and circulated to committee members and the community at large.

Discussion:

- Reach out to churches and other elected officials to push survey out to their constituents
- A lot of organizations are hesitant to provide this information if they don't know who we are. Provide an "official letter" – able to provide additional funding for youth/positive programming if they complete the survey
- Send volunteers to health fairs and other community events to collect information. Be sure to offer incentives (pens, caps, other handouts)

Final Update for News Update

CCF is holding a community charrette to pick an issue and give to Cook County Chatham on July 22nd from 9:00 – 10:00 am, and July 23rd from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Youth are encouraged to attend and give their input on what they