

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 60619 Friday, July 7, 2017 – 10:00-12:30 a.m.

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

Ashley Cardillo, GCJ
Jacquelyn LaRue, Project Director
Cristina Tyson, Chicago Department of Public Health
Stephyn Meyers, Gary Comer Youth Center
Anthony Coleman, Gary Comer Middle School
Lara Stenberg, Chicago Courts, Inc.
Dorothy Ignatow, Our Success Chicago
Cardillo Cardillo, Our Success Chicago
M Patricia, Our Success Chicago
Isabelle Fontaine, South Shore Works
Nicole Bridges, GCJ
Keith Alexander, GCJ
Suzanne Howard, GCJ

GCJ Planning Grant Update

The planning grant for GCJ was rejected by the MacArthur Foundation for funding. GCJ also of the planning grant and submitted it to the Executive Committee for funding. The new grant requested \$25,000 to fund two restorative justice training events, one for elementary school principals and administrators, and another for parents. The grant request would also fund the creation needs assessment survey for school administration, allow for one-on-one to discuss school climate and needs concerning restorative justice, and allow for GCJ to form relationships with the schools in the area.

Photo Contest Update

GCJ is holding a photo contest for the youth in the community. Residents and community members aged 13-18 are asked to pick up a disposable camera, take pictures of what they find to be beautiful in their community, and return the used camera to GCJ. All participants' photos are eligible to be used in GCJ promotional materials, website, etc. and will be credited. Additionally, there will be three cash prize winners. The contest will run from August 21, 2017 until September 21, 2017. Winners will be announced in October and celebrated at the Harvest Run.

Whitney Young Library

The Whitney Young Library is scheduled to construct its programming through the summer. The date of construction has yet to be determined, but is expected to start by the end of the year. GCJ will keep its committee members updated on the construction dates. We are also looking for community organizations to step up and