



**Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)**

**Friday, July 27, 2007; 12:-1:30 PM**

**United Way of Metro Nashville**

**250 Venture Circle, Nashville, TN**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Lorraine Greene, Mesha Ellis, James Johnson, Otis Jones, Dewayne Halman, Yvonne Joosten, Brenda Morrow, Maury Nation, Sandra Jo Wilson, Neely Williams, George Thomas, Vicente Samaniego, Brenda Scott, Ray Blaine, Fred Westbrook, Cesar Muedas, Jeff Dotts, Jane Fleishman, David Nimmo, Alisha Henley, Rikki Zee, Karen Brown, Marlon Knight, Dinah Gregory, Feli Popes, Deborah Scruggs, Tam Gordon, Maceo Coleman, Dan Surface, Carmen Moore, and Tina Atchison.

**Meeting Opened:** 12:00 pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1: 30 pm

**Chairing:** Rev. Neely Williams

Agenda	Discussion	Outcome
<b>Welcome</b>	Rev. Neely Williams	Members introduced themselves and stated what organization they represented.
<b>Research/NUP ACE Updates</b>	<p><b>Organizational Network-</b> has completed most of the survey instruments and will present a full report of results on Oct. 2007 Quarterly Coalition meeting.</p> <p><b>Bullying Prevention-</b> the coordinators responsible for conducting the school-based intervention have done a great job. The outcomes will not just track decreases in aggressive/violent behavior, but will show positive youth social and emotional development. Working with the school principals to improve teacher-student relations.</p> <p><b>GIS and Asset Mapping-</b> has completed most of the focus groups and should be able to provide some feedback to the work groups by the middle of August. The GIS “walk around” should begin soon and will help us map assets identified in the focus groups and other sources.</p> <p>The <b>Surveillance Core</b> is currently in the process of discussion issues related to data sharing and collection from the police dept., health dept., school district, hospitals, and others that collect data related to intentional and unintentional injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key issues about Metro School issues for the start of the new school year were discussed.</li> <li>• Need follow up on having Metro School representation at the next coalition meeting.</li> <li>• A full Research Report from the Organizational Network PIs will be presented at the next coalition meeting in October 19, 2007.</li> <li>• Coalition meeting are now quarterly, rather than monthly, due to the work being doing by the work groups.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Work Group Updates</b></p>	<p><b>Safe Places Work Group-</b> the focus of the first meeting (June 25) was on short term wins established at the strategic planning session. The IMF Resource guide was used as a starting point for safe places. After some discussion on defining as safe place, it was decided that a meeting time would be set with the Youth Council leaders at Oasis Center. The next focus was on organizing a meeting with possible collaborative partners in the community to help with setting up a specialized referral process. The last topic of the meeting focused on setting up a crisis intervention training for partners in the community. The training could help members determine the problem, the cause, and help youth get to an appropriate safe place. It was suggested that the Police Department be utilized as they provide training in this area. <i>St.Luke Primitive Baptist Church</i> was identified as a “Safe Place”.</p> <p><b>Adult Mentors Work Group-</b> the key is connecting mentors with mentees. There was a brief discussion of seeking to recruit someone from the Governor’s Mentoring Initiative to be a member. Our win # 2, was the first priority, which is “Identify successful mentoring programs and their recruitment components.” Contact Dr. Doug Perkins and ask them to assist us with information collected of resources in the local area or mentoring services for youth; Contact the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization to set up meetings with their representative to initiate strategies to get them involved. Exploring the possibilities of linking up with the Chamber of Commerce to identify for profit agencies/organizations, possibly banks or other corporations, which have the commitment and resources to supply volunteers to carryout some type of mentoring activity with groups of youth in the targeted areas in Nashville. Identify mentoring type of ministries or initiatives being carried out my members in the Nashville Community</p> <p><b>Employment/Job Opportunities Work Group-</b> Begin by defining capacity for pre-job training: Marsha Edwards (MOB) had volunteered her summer interns to develop a list of existing programs and survey questions and will report out at next meeting. Looking at barriers to youth employment: Report from Jane Fleishman: YIB (Oasis) will not be doing the Safe Schools Survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next <b>Safe Places Work Group meeting</b> will be on Monday, <b>August 6; 2-3:00 pm. at United Way</b>, 250 Venture Circle, Nashville, TN (open to all interested but need to RSVP <a href="mailto:vsamaniego@mmc.edu">vsamaniego@mmc.edu</a>).</li> <li>• The next <b>Adult Mentors Work Group meeting</b> is to be determined and will be send via email to all members (if interested in being a member, please contact Vicente: <a href="mailto:vsamaniego@mmc.edu">vsamaniego@mmc.edu</a>)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ms. <b>Tam Gordon</b> from the Governor’s office indicated that she would like to become a member of the adult mentor work group.</li> <li>➤ Look into YWCA, the <i>Big Picture</i>, Donors for Dollars as resource.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The next <b>Employment Work Group meeting</b> on Friday, August 24; 2:00-3:00 pm at NCAC, 621 Mainstream Dr., MetroCenter. (if interested in being a member, please contact Vicente: <a href="mailto:vsamaniego@mmc.edu">vsamaniego@mmc.edu</a>)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Look into volunteermatch.com, starbucks, pepsi, and Microsoft for possible help/funding of work being done in this area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>next school year. Alignment Nashville may be doing a follow up survey, but their purpose is to determine if school climate has changed as a result of leadership classes. Other ways to get info on barriers to youth employment include surveying youth at Middle College, Nashville State Tech, NCAC, Oasis, JTG. Also counselors for Oasis Transitional Living program spend much of their time helping 17-21 year olds find employment and would have a lot of insight. Questions to consider: What age group do we want to target? In or out of school youth? How many surveys are needed? What will we do with the information? First job hunting experiences usually occur around 14-16. This is optimal age to teach teens how to become good employees, develop good work habits. And finally, looking at a Youth-friendly employer bank.</p>	
<b>Moving forward with Policy work</b>	<p>Yvonne Joosten led the discussion about policy work that the coalition can start thinking about doing with the work being done by the coalition work groups and the research core components. We also discussed creating a policy committee to begin further discussion on the policy work that can be done.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once some of the research has been completed (Org Network, Focus Groups), we will discuss policy issues.</li> <li>• Policy item will be included in the agenda for the work group meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Press Conference/ Media</b>	<p>There was a brief discussion about a possible press conference by the end of October, 2007 to present some of the work the coalition is doing and results from our research cores. Coalition members cautioned the use of media without planning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An announcement for the planning of a press conference will be made in the coming weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Coalition Evaluation/ Feedback</b>	<p>Dr. Sandra Jo Wilson discussed a survey/feedback evaluation to be used not only to evaluate the coalition and NUPACE, but to give us feedback on how to improve the partnership/communications for future activities. For those that don't have access to the survey, a hard copy can be provided by contacting Vicente: <a href="mailto:vsamaniego@mmc.edu">vsamaniego@mmc.edu</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback regarding our progress can be access by "clicking" and answering the questions at the following URL: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=W_2fibpIr002hmekC0ZhYbLw_3d_3d">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=W_2fibpIr002hmekC0ZhYbLw_3d_3d</a></li> </ul>
<b>Votes-Nomination for Vice Chair</b>	<p>There were two nominations for vice chair. The nominees were given an opportunity to make a statement of purpose before voting. The nominee was asked to step outside while the members voted; the votes were counted and the new co-vice chair was announced.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Cesar Muedas</b> was nominated and accepted the nomination for co-Vice Chair of the Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS).</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Next meeting is scheduled for <b>October 19, 2007</b>.</p>	<p>Further details TBD.</p>