Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)

Friday, October 12, 2007; 11:30-1:30 PM
United Way of Metro Nashville
250 Venture Circle, Nashville, TN
MINUTES

Present: Kimberly Bess, Stephanie Davis, Marsha Edwards, Eric Tesdahl, Donna Humbert, Rev. James Turner II, Rev. Minnie Mitchell, Doug Perkins, Paul Speer, Yolanda Shields, Denotra Sheed, Joseph Franco, Malissa Slayden, Ivy Jeffries, Dewayne Holman, Yvonne Joosten, Brenda Morrow, Marlon Knight, Maury Nation, Sandra Jo Wilson, Neely Williams, Vicente Samaniego, Brenda Scott, Jeff Dotts, Alisha Henley, Karen Brown, Feli Propes, Dan Surface, Beverly Taylor, Anthony Hall, Jesse A. Green Jr., Denise Morris, Mary Carpenter, Brandon Hill, Denise Bentley, C. Pat Sharpe, Member (Nation of Islam), April Vance, Linda A. Valle, Tamara Haegerich, Billie Weiss.

Meeting Opened: 12:00 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 1: 30 pm
Chairing: Rev. Neely Williams

Agenda	Discussion	Outcome
Welcome	Members introduced themselves and stated what organization they represented. CDC was doing their site visit; hence, we spent a little more time than usual to get to know our partners at CDC and Nashville, TN.	• All members introduced themselves and gave brief background on their work.
Research/ NUPACE Updates	***Organizational Network***- has completed most of the survey instruments and will present a full report of results at the January 2008 Quarterly Coalition meeting. ***Bullying Prevention***- the coordinators responsible for conducting the school-based intervention have done a great job. There has been some re-organization in some of the schools; working with the school principals to improve teacher-student relations. ***GIS and Asset Mapping***- has completed the focus groups and provide feedback on the preliminary results of the focus groups. The GIS "walk around" should begin soon and will help us map assets identified in the focus groups and other sources. The ***Information Core (formerly surveillance)*** is currently in the process of discussing issues related to data sharing and collection from the police dept., health dept., school district; working with South Carolina model to help move forward.	• Org Network group passed out a page on some initial results of the survey. • A full Research Report from the Organizational Network PIs will be presented at the next coalition meeting in 08. • Dr. Wilson gave a brief update on the Coalition Evaluation and stated that coalition members are aware of research but want more detail; focus on one research per coalition meeting.

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Work Group Updates	***Safe Places Work Group***- The IMF Resource guide, the 411 and the 211 guides were used as a starting point for safe places. The next focus was on organizing a meeting with possible collaborative partners in the community to help identify safe people. Based on the focus groups, it is not about locations as much as it is about people. ***Adult Mentors Work Group***- the key has been to connect the « right » mentors with mentees. We have been working hard to identify successful mentoring programs and their recruitment components in Nashville, TN. The work group has been working on developing a tool to help us determine requirements for the formal and informal mentoring programs. We have been in the process of contacting the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization to initiate strategies to get them involved. We are still exploring the possibility of identifying mentoring type of ministries or initiatives being carried out by members in the Nashville Community ***Employment/Job Opportunities Work Group-*** We have been discussing capacity for pre-job training and are working on developing a list of existing programs/employers that may be willing to hire youth. We are also developing a "barriers to employment survey" that will be administered through the Oasis Center's Safe Places questionnaire and will report out at next meeting.	• All work group meetings are open to all interested but need to RSVP via email to: vsamaniego@mmc.edu). • Safe Places Work Group Next Meeting- **Monday, October 22, 2007**, United Way, 250 Venture Circle, 2-3 PM. • Adult Mentors Work Group- Next Meeting- **Friday, October 26, 2007,** IMF Peniel Initiative, 1219 9th Ave. North, 1-2 PM. • Education & Job Opportunities Work Group- Next Meeting- **Friday, October 26, 2007**, Nashville Career Advancement Center, 621 Mainstream Drive, Suite 210, 3-4 PM.
Next Steps	➢ 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 create ways to involve the media and thinking about the coalition governance (e.g., bylaws, terms of office). ➢ There was a brief discussion about a possible press conference when we're ready to announce the web-based interface and present some of the work the coalition is doing and results from our research cores.	• Once some of the research has been completed (Org Network, Focus Groups), we will start looking at policy work.
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for **January 18, 2008 at Martha O'bryan Center**.	Further details TBD.