

Mentoring Work Group Meeting Minutes
Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)
IMF Peniel Initiative Office
1219 9th Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37208
6/29/2007, 10:30-11:30 am

Greeting:

Everyone was greeted, and appreciation was expressed for the diligent and flexibility of the attendees for getting to this meeting with the last minute changes that occurred.

Review of Notes from 5-25-07 Planning Meeting:

Notation of agencies represented in the current players section and who their representatives are that sit on this work group. There was a brief discussion of seeking to recruit someone from the Governor's Mentoring Initiative to be a member of this work group and coalition member, possibly the community liaison, Mr. John Little.

Strategies for Identified "WINS"

It was suggested that win # 2, should be our first priority, which is "Identify successful mentoring programs and their recruitment components."

Win #2 – discussions of strategies: Actions needed—

- Contact someone (Dan Cooper workgroup member) in Dr. Doug Perkins Research Core and ask them to assist us with information collected of resources in the local area or mentoring services for youth. Later determined that Dan has graduated and moved on, the new contact person suggested is Kimberly Bess. – **Neely**
- Contact the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization to set up meetings with their representative to initiate two strategies; **1.** Invite them to become an active partner with NCCYS by participating on workgroups and the general planning and implementation process. **2.** Explore the possibilities of securing contacts for those persons who did not complete the BB&BS process of becoming mentors, but did demonstrate a serious interest in being a mentor. We will seek to connect them to other possible opportunities for mentoring by referring them to the program identified in strategy #1 listed above. – **Cesar & Neely** will attend any meetings scheduled if needed.
- Exploring the possibilities of linking up with the Chamber of Commerce to identify for profit agencies/organizations, possibly banks or other corporations, what have the commitment and resources to supply volunteers, (i.e. their employees) to carryout some type of mentoring activity with groups of youth in the targeted areas in Nashville. – **Jeff**
- Create a contact list of Churches and Faith-based organizations. Identify mentoring type of ministries or initiatives being carried out by members in the Nashville Community. We will also enlist their support and participation with NCCYS. This contact list will be used, continually as needed, to reach these community groups. – **Neely**

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- Re-establish contact with Commissioner Miller at DCS, to further secure inroads to linking with the Governors' Mentoring Program and other potential collaborations for youth. Rev. Neely is working with the Juvenile Justice division of DCS on a task force working with youth impacted by justice issues while in DCS custody. She is also involved in a community planning strategy with DCS's community resource representative, Ms. Servella Terry, to develop a think-tank type initiative with women from across the Nashville community to identify strategies and resources to address the needs of at-risk youth.- **Neely**

WIN # 1 – Brief review of Marketing Plan Draft: Discussion of the draft was tabled until our next meeting, all present felt that it would be best to have the author present her views related to this document and explain what she would recommend for its further development. The overall general comment was that we would most likely want to think more of a Public Relation's approach rather than a pure marketing one, so that each agency's marketing efforts could be included.... –Karin

WIN # 3: – No discussion:

Review of assigned tasks: See names listed after each task.

Closing: