

**Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)**  
**Mentoring Work Group Meeting**  
**Friday, October 26, 2007; 1-2 pm**  
**IMF Peniel Initiative Office**  
**1219 9th Ave. North, Nashville, TN**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Paul Juarez, Jeff Dotts, Eric Tesdahl, Anthony Camorata, Alisha Henley, Otis Jones, Ivy Jeffries, Dewayne Holman, Vicente Samaniego, and Cesar Muedas.

**Meeting Opened:** 1:00 pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:00 pm

**Chairing:** Dr. Paul Juarez

Agenda Items	Discussion	Outcome
<b>Welcome</b>	Dr. Paul Juarez	Members briefly introduced themselves
<b>Overview and updates of short term wins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We briefly went over previous discussion of our short term wins and focused on identify successful mentoring programs (formal or informal) in Nashville and finding ways to make them more visible and readily accessible to the youth that need those services.</li> <li>➤ A list of formal and informal mentoring programs was passed out and the group brainstormed ideas on how to locate others not on the list.</li> <li>➤ There was a brief discussion about the development of a conceptual model across group works that will help connect services &amp; needs.</li> <li>➤ The work group spoke about developing a grid/form to differentiating between the different types of mentoring programs currently available (e.g., peer-to-peer, individual, group, social support network) and crating clarity in the expectations of the mentees and/or mentors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vicente and members of the work group will begin to search for other current formal/informal mentoring programs in Nashville to compile, create a list, and put on website as resource.</li> <li>• Alisha will send resources on best practices to make them available via the mentoring link on the NUPACE website for partners and other “start up” agencies that would like to know how to get started with a mentoring program.</li> </ul>
<b>Pilot Project- agency assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There was some discussion about a pilot project that would involve assessing agencies with current mentoring programs and look at: type of services they provide, eligibility criteria, org. capacity, etc. in order to create a matrix identifying these agencies’ mentoring programs; this will allow others to query them based on specific needs.</li> <li>➤ The pilot project will give us a better indication of current services (mentoring program) and their capacity to meet the needs of various agencies and/or individuals looking for programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After completing the list of formal and informal mentoring programs, we will begin to further plan how to approach the pilot project in order to collect accurate information.</li> <li>• Dewayne will email Vicente a form/ survey w/ key questions to get us started with the pilot project.</li> <li>• The form will be revised and finalized at our next work group meeting.</li> </ul>

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<b>Web-based interface of mentoring programs in Nashville, TN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ After reviewing the <i>Mentoring and Community Resources Matrix</i> (passed out to member), it was decided that the best way to get the word out about formal and informal mentoring programs to service providers and youth was to develop a <i>web-based interface</i> that would include everything from mentoring programs (with queries based on information gathered from the pilot project), to safe places and job placement/internships/workshops.</li> <li>➤ There was some caution about the cost to create and maintain this type of service, based on previous work done by Dewayne Holman from Nashville Prevention Partnership. We then briefly spoke about a possible partnership with United Way of Nashville, who currently has a similar system called the 2-1-1, which is being spearheaded by United Way and comprehensive and specialized information and referral agencies in states and local communities.</li> <li>➤ We also discussed ways to get this information via paper-based (e.g., small booklet) to other “small” non-profit agencies/schools that don’t always have access to the internet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vicente will contact the 2-1-1 person at United Way of Nashville to begin discussing a possible collaboration for our web-based interface project.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourn &amp; next meeting</b>	Next meeting was <i>scheduled</i> for <b>Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, 1-2 pm tentatively at Youth Life Learning Centers, 3656 Trousdale Drive, Suite 109, Nashville, TN 37204.</b>	