



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

**Friday, April 18, 2008, 12:00-1:30 PM**

**The Martha O'Bryan Center**

**711 South Seventh Street**

**Nashville, TN 37206**

**MINUTES**

**Present** Kimberly Bess, Eric Tesdahl, Karl Jones, Rev. Minnie Mitchell, Doug Perkins, Paul Speer, Todd Lake, Dewayne Holman, Yvonne Joosten, Brenda Morrow, Maury Nation, Neely Williams, Vicente Samaniego, Brenda Scott, Jeff Dotts, Beverly Taylor, Brandon Hill, Cesar Muedas, Brenda Venson, Lindsay Daly, Paul Juarez, Emily Hall, Maceo Coleman, Rachel Copeland, Tiffany Israel, Benita Walker, Carmen Moore, Blaine Ray, Melissa Slayden, Fred Frazier, Sue Fuller, Ellen Ranson, Aaron Corley, Elizabeth Edmondson, Darrel Walker, Mary Walker, Maxine Chandler-Auguste, Leslie Collins, Marsha Edwards, Sandy Moore, Mashon Gray, Miya Robertson, and twelve youth from Youth United program at Oasis Center.

**Opened:** 12:00

**Adjourned:** 1:30 pm

**Chairing:** Rev. Williams

Agenda	Discussion & Outcomes
<b>Welcome</b>	Members introduced themselves and stated what organization they represented.
<b>Youth United Oasis Center</b>	<p>There was a brief powerpoint presentation of <b>Youth United</b> and upcoming events. Among the many activities YU is involved, they include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The youth awarded grants, also know as the <i>Youth Civic Action Grant Fund</i> are to promote youth leadership in civic, school, and/or community affairs in Nashville, TN. We believe youth are important but often overlooked stakeholders in our city. With the right support and opportunities, youth can and do play important roles in solving community problems. Grants will fund projects in which middle and/or high school aged youth have opportunities to: <b>1)</b> Take leadership in contributing to the wellbeing of the community through volunteering or community action projects; and/or <b>2)</b> take leadership in promoting mutual respect and understanding between people, such as youth and their peers, teachers and students, people from differing neighborhoods or backgrounds, youth and law enforcement officers; etc. We are especially interested in projects that promote alternatives to violence in our community and/or the success of public schools and public school students. There are many definitions of the word “leadership.” We believe that each person’s leadership looks different and that everyone can be a leader, regardless of age or position. We desire to fund projects in which youth have opportunities to practice leadership by involvement in such things as planning, decision making, and assuming other responsibilities in a project intended to benefit others.</li> <li>▪ <b>How does my group apply?</b> Submit one copy of this grant application either by email or U.S. mail. You may include attachments, but we will not return them unless they are accompanied by a self addressed, stamped envelope.</li> <li>▪ <b>How will groups be selected to receive a grant?</b> Grant decisions will be made by a committee of youth leaders recruited by Oasis Center. The group will evaluate grant proposals according to:</li> </ul> <p>➤ Following the YU presentation, there was a brief discussion with coalition members</p>



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<p><b>Research-Focus on Bullying Intervention Project</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maury Nation, Ph.D., AES Coordinators- Bullying Intervention Project</b></p> <p><b><i>Bullying Prevention-</i></b> The primary aim of this project is to implement and evaluate two bullying prevention programs that take different but complementary approaches to changing school climate in public middle schools. Central to the program is an enhancement of student services that was developed by MNPS through Alignment Nashville. The Alignment Enhanced Services (AES) intervention is based in part on a comprehensive approach called Student Assistance Programs (SAP). SAP is a systemic process that mobilizes school resources to remove barriers to learning. The core of the program is a professionally trained coordinator that serves as a liaison to community agencies to address violence and behavior problems of students. AES intervention is unique because it has developed an approach that utilizes existing resources and non-profit organizations that attend to violence, behavior problems, and youth development to maximize its impact on bullying prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Part of Dr. Nation’s presentation included:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Major issues- problems w/ indirect assaults (bullying), NCLB requirements, etc</li> <li>2. Middle schools committee goals- promote “culture of kindness” school climate</li> <li>3. Study- 12 middle schools, 4 w/ AES intervention, 4 w/ Olweus, 4 w/ no treatment</li> <li>4. NUPACE funding- development of more detail implementation &amp; research protocols.</li> <li>5. Intervention protocols- entry into the schools, environment scan, interventions plan.</li> <li>6. Entry into schools- develop relationship w/ school staff, school leadership teams.</li> <li>7. Environmental Scan- Internal (teacher/student relations) &amp; External (functionality)</li> <li>8. Development and implementation of Intervention Plan.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Research Update (Cont.)</b></p>	<p><b>Organization Network Study- Summary &amp; Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Update:</u> The organizational network study is in the midst of completing year two interviews/data collection. This work is expected to continue through May. Thanks to all who have completed the interview. We are also currently preparing a manuscript for consideration for publication in the American Journal of Community Psychology using data from the first year's round of interviews.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Asset Mapping- Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Update:</u> Preliminary analysis of data were completed in mid October and presented at a conference in Ohio and at the October 12<sup>th</sup> coalition meeting. In May 2008, the walk-arounds will begin. Walk-arounds, where youth (accompanied by an adult) will walk around their neighborhoods and identify locations they consider to be assets to promoting safety. Youth will be given a GPS devise and data sheet to record the locations and will be given instructions/training on its use with the 3x3 matrix as a guide identifying community assets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Information Core- Injury Surveillance Data Cube Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development of an injury information system for Nashville/Davidson County. Data will help partner organizations identify who is affected most by different types of violence and where the problem occurs most frequently so that planners are better able to target interventions. Currently meeting with Metro Schools, Metro Police, and Metro Public Health to develop protocols for collection and sharing of data into a unified software system. We will use the South Carolina Injury Cube to get us started.</li> </ul>



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<b>Work Group Updates (cont.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All work group meetings are open to all interested members but need to RSVP via email to: <a href="mailto:vsamaniego@mmc.edu">vsamaniego@mmc.edu</a>).</li> </ul> <p><b>Mentoring/Caring Adults Work Group-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ After the work group attended a <b>site visit at the Juvenile Detention Center</b>, there was a general consensus for programs that serve “Run Aways” and creating a <b>coordinated system that links youth at the Juvenile Detention Centers with services</b> currently available in the community. We are currently working an a strategic plan to create awareness about available resources from the list made and begin working on the <b>assessment with current mentoring programs</b> and look at: type of services they provide, eligibility criteria, org. capacity, etc. in order to create a matrix for identifying these agencies’ mentoring programs. The work group will start working with Youth United to help <b>create activities that meet hope with opportunities</b> (e.g., Belmont’s Entrepreneurship program, TSU’ service learning, and the Governor’s Foster Care Initiative) and linking services to the youth through specific activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Job Placement/Work Opportunities Work Group-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The two key activities include the <b>Summer Youth Activities Fair</b> which will feature information about activities available for 14 to 17 year old youth in the summer months. Workshops for adults and youth will address the skills youth need for job searching. This will occur on <b>Saturday, May 3, 2008, 9am to 11am</b> at Nashville Career Advancement Center, 621 Mainstream Dr. Suite 210. We are also working on developing a <b>youth employment temporary agency</b>, which will not only provide job readiness skills but create a databank of employers in Nashville that are willing to hire youth. We are currently working with Danny Goldberg (who help create a similar temp agency in Wisconsin), Rubin Cockrell, EdD, Campus Dean, Strayer University and Hal Cato from Oasis Center, where the agency may be housed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Safe Places Work Group-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ After meeting with school personnel and presenting the focus group results, there was a general consensus for a need to <b>create quick guide of not only safe places but ‘safe place person’</b> and target it by geographic area that meets the specific needs of where the youth resides. We are currently in communication with Metro Schools <b>to make this guide available to all schools through their network</b>. Until the guide is created, we will put the 411 created by Oasis Center on the network. We are also working with Oasis Center to enhance their current Safe Places program to include other service provider and create a system that would allow current Safe Place agencies to go through trainings on how to properly respond to a youth in need of a safe place person.</li> </ul>
<b>Other/ Open for Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There was a brief discussion on our plans to develop Listening Tours in difference parts of Nashville to look at what are some of the priorities that the different neighborhoods have and what can be done to help target those priorities.</li> <li>➤ The discussion was open to members for upcoming events and activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting is scheduled for <b>July 18, 2008, 12-1:30 pm</b> Further details TBD via email.