

Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)
Safe Places Work Group Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2007; 2-3 PM
United Way of Metro Nashville
250 Venture Circle, Nashville, TN
MINUTES

Present: James Johnson, Rev. Neely Williams, Vicente Samaniego, Paul Juarez.

Meeting Opened: 2:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 3: 00 pm

Chairing: James Johnson

Agenda	Discussion	Outcome
Welcome	James Johnson	Members briefly introduced themselves
Short Term Wins Update- follow up discussion from previous meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There was a brief discussion on how to begin collecting the list of “safe places” service providers using current resources; there was also some discussion about identifying specific criteria that the agency would have to meet to be considered a “safe place” including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Available for youth between 3-5 pm</i> <i>2. Should be close to youth location (accessibility)</i> <i>3. Willing to put “safe place” sticker, visible on window</i> <i>4. Willing to be trained on “how to respond” to a crisis</i> <i>5. Assessment/triage process to identify effectiveness</i> ➤ Some of the members mentioned that Oasis Center had done a similar project several years ago and that we should try to meet with them to get input on how to get started. We also spoke about organizing a meeting with service provider agencies and youth at Oasis Center ➤ The group had mentioned that we needed to create a system that was not dependent on a centralized location (e.g., Oasis) since the youth identified “safe places” with an individual vs. a geographic location. ➤ There was a consensus among the group that we needed to look at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of type of services currently being provided and finding ways to match the needs of youth (safe place, mentor, etc) 2. Need to find a common ground; use similar language across 3. Finding consistency among legal entities (e.g., PD, DCS, JJ) 4. “We can’t ignore people we can’t see”, whether they are individuals or “small” agencies- they can make the most impact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a list of service providers that meet the criteria identifies. • Vicente will try to organize a meeting between the services providers and youth council at Oasis Center to discuss “safe places” definition and ways to get the services to youth. • Rev. Williams will meet with Oasis Center staff to discuss “safe places” project that the agency had/has in place and look at ways to “revive it” and/or create something that is not centralized.

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Conceptual Model-Community Response System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The group briefly discussed and review the working document (conceptual model) that we had developed based on other programs and began to look at ways the model can help link youth needs and currently services being provided. ➤ There was a discussion on how the conceptual model/community response system could be used across all three work groups. ➤ The conceptual model would be based on the needs of the work groups and outline principles, core components, and operating practices for community capacity building, prevention, community crisis response, and intervention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to review and revise the community response system/conceptual model based on discussions from the work groups.
Adjourn and Next Steps	Next meeting was <i>tentatively scheduled</i> for <i>Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 from 2-3 pm at United Way</i> of Nashville.	Further details TBA via email.