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Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via WebEx
1201 Front Street
Raleigh, NC 27609
Thursday, October 22, 2020
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Lorraine Taylor, Susan McCarter, Derrik Anderson, Crystal Wynn-Lewis, Jonathan Glenn, Kelly Andrews, Darren Beneby, Marc Strange, Nisha Williams, Johnny Wilson, Deena Hayes-Greene, Vicki Foster.

GCC Staff:

Caroline Valand, Diane Barber-Whitaker, Toni Lockley, Nicki Livingston, Jaysia Noels

Welcome. Dr. Taylor, Dr. McCarter

- Chair, Dr. Taylor called meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Approval of 7/16/20 Minutes. Dr. Taylor, Members

- Co-Chair, Susan McCarter had edits to the document.
 - Bottom of page one: She asked Dr. Glenn to inform the subcommittee on what the XXX indeed was referring to.
 - Dr. Glenn was referring to the justice equity training initiative his consulting business had under way.
 - Page two: under recommendations - change “using all 9 OJJDP recommendations” to “contact points”.
- Crystal Wynn-Lewis motioned to approve previous meeting minutes, as corrected.
 - Susan McCarter second.

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Task Force Presentation. Crystal Wynn-Lewis

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities: North Carolina Juvenile Justice System FY20 JJ Data Review
 - Presented statistics of the current data for North Carolina’s Juvenile Justice System for FY 2019- 2020. Please refer to power point to see in-depth data and recommendations.
 - Dr. Glenn – Expressed concern with complaints and RRI specifically in Martin County. Dr. Glenn recommended that the Task Force brainstorm idea that would benefit the youth population that might not have access to a lot of resources.
 - Crystal Wynn-Lewis explained how Juvenile Justice share the information with the counties to see where they need resources.
 - Kelly Andrews – expressed, that it was a matter of law enforcement utilizing youth programs. She explained that there should not be a reason why numbers are so high if the person in power used the programs to prevent high numbers of complaints. She stated that most counties have the resources to fight the high numbers that were shown. She suggested that more of an effort come from city council, police chiefs, or other stake holders to utilize youth programs instead of sending youth straight to detention centers. In general, the state needs to hire chiefs and high-power individual’s that understand these issues.
 - Deena Hayes-Greene – Suggested that law enforcement receive cross system training.

GCC Staff Update. Staff

- 2020 RED Applications
 - 2020 City of Goldsboro JJDMC.
 - Parting the RED Sea: Creating A Pathway to Equity for Students by Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities.
- 3-year Plan Update
 - Due March 31, 2021.
 - In the planning process.
- JJPC – FY 2020 Title II, SAG
 - Federal award amount: \$1,549,334.00
 - Planning & Administration (10%): \$154,933.40
 - SAG Allocation: \$20,000.00
 - Federal funding remaining: \$1,374,4000.60
 - Received September 17, 2020
 - Cover 10/1/2020 – 9/3/2024
- 2021 Calendar
 - January 21, 2021
 - April 2, 2021
 - July 22, 2021
 - October 1, 2021
- The Task Force will decide on the time.

RED Subcommittee Nominations. Dr. Taylor, Dr. McCarter, Members

- Nominations are open for RED-DMC Subcommittee.
- Vicki Foster has two recommendations.
- Chair, Dr. Taylor explained that the subcommittee will consist of 15 members that acquire knowledge and/or experience related to the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system, individual can be:
 - Juvenile court judge
 - Juvenile defender
 - Prosecutor with juvenile court experience
 - Social services/child welfare.
 - Juvenile Justice court counselor
 - Court appointed special advocate
 - Family of individual in juvenile justice system
 - Former juvenile justice individual
 - Pediatrician/ adolescence health provider
 - Mental health professional
 - Law enforcement/FRO
 - School education/administration
 - DMC/RED researcher
 - Race matter expertise
 - JJPC/Juvenile service provider
- Chair, Dr. Taylor is excited about introducing new members to this subcommittee. There was an emphasis on youth representation.

RED Brief – JJ Awareness Month. Dr. McCarter

- Raising awareness of disparities and disproportionality in racial and ethnic outcomes within the juvenile justice system.
 - Annually collaborates with the counselors for children’s rights to publish a series of publication in October - early November in recognition of juvenile justice awareness month.

Agency Updates. Members

- Johnny Wilson: Received city funding to help citizens with rent, mortgage, and utility bills. Find a Friend program is still active, now they pick the kids up from home. The program is following appropriate procedures/screening for COVID.
- Race Matters for Juvenile Justice: They were involved in racial equity workshops. Also involved in a lot of presentations on a national level to share information and analysis.
- Guilford County: They are being mindful and keeping race on the table while interacting with child welfare, health care, and education. Also, they are acknowledging groups across the state that are leading with racial equity.
- Kelly Andrews: Mentioned pre-arrest diversion. The district attorney’s office participates in post-arrest diversion during COVID. Felony allegations are being sent to diversions. They are also doing restorative justice circles, CBI groups, therapy, and counseling. Upon completion juveniles are eligible to a plea down for expunction or dismissal of charge.

- Vicki Foster: Is having discussions with new chief and deputy chief.
- Dr. Glenn – established a racial equity and social justice center that provides COVID and community base program analysis. His team wants to understand if, and how -community-based programs are able to maintain their programs/effects despite the impact of COVID.

New/Old Business. Dr. Taylor, Dr. McCarter, Members

- The juvenile justice annual conference (virtual) is November 18- 20, 2020.
- Chair, Dr. Taylor wants the subcommittee to spend time talking about other data that the task force needs to gather in January meeting

Adjournment

- Chair, Dr. Taylor called meeting at 3:00pm

Attachment

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities: North Carolina Juvenile Justice System FY20 JJ Data Review

Meeting minutes taken by: Jaysia Noels