



Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015
Carrboro Century Center, Carrboro

In attendance:

Council: Delores Bailey, Colleen Bridger, Ardith Brooks, Loryn Clark, Nancy Coston, James Davis, Alice Denson, John Doward, Debra Farrington, Sharon Freeland, Mack Koonce, Liska Lackey, Sheldon Lanier, Bernadette Pelissier, Robin Pulver, Aviva Scully, Luke Smith, Michael Steiner, Angela Wilcox

Absent: David Andrews, Charles Blackwood, Mark Dorosin, Jake Henry, Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Angie Welsh

Guest: Katie Jansen, Jess Aylor, Andrea Tullos, Jamie Rohe, Jonathan Rickard, Sonia Frischemeier, Tami Pfeifer, Reyna Rivera, Libbie Hough, Amy Franks, Nate Broman-Fulks

Staff: Meredith Stewart, Donna King, Melvyn Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle, Stacy Shelp

Welcome

Michael Steiner began the meeting with an ice breaker. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. He also welcomed new council members Delores Bailey, Sheldon Lanier, and Aviva Scully to the FSA Council.

Project Updates

There was motion made to approve and accept the proposed FSA by-laws. The council voted to approve the current FSA by-laws, with all council members voting in favor and Delores Bailey abstaining.

Stacy Shelp introduced the two FSA designed logos that received the most votes from FSA stakeholders. Council member votes were collected by a hand count and the logo that received the most votes was Logo Idea One: Compass Inversion. 11 voted in favor of Option 1: Compass Inversion, and 5 for the Option 2: Overlapping Circles. The Compass Inversion option was accepted with no changes desired by the Council.

GAP Analysis Presentation

Meredith Stewart opened the gap analysis with some caveats about limitations of the data including that some of the sample sizes were very small as it relates to race and ethnicity. She presented the findings from the program surveys. She described the purpose of program mapping is to share with the community and bring about the awareness of service providers and services provided to children and families. She reviewed questions and responses that were asked in the program survey.

Meredith McMonigle presented some of the highlights from the qualitative data for Zone 4 (i.e. achievement gap by race, concerns for more childcare, and EOG scores). She described that this data was collected through secondary research, 1-on-1 interviews, focus groups, and online surveys. She explained other themes that came from the qualitative data, such as graduation rates, leadership opportunities for youth, out of school time for youth, and challenges for Latino families.

Meredith McMonigle presented some of the highlights from the qualitative data for Zone 6 (i.e. achievement gap by race, affordable childcare, and fewer resources for children under 5 YOA). She expressed the trend/concern for academic and social supports for children outside of school. For example community members expressed the concern for teens having a positive/productive place to hangout.

Zone presentation of Community Priorities Reports

Zone 4 champions Aviva Scully and Rosemary Deane presented the priorities that were voted on during their community meeting. They explained the top four themes that were voted on.

Those four themes were: 1) Transportation, 2) Kindergarten readiness, 3) Childcare, 4) Support for Latino Families. Possible solutions that were suggested were: ways to provide more childcare subsidies and expanding school bus routes and/or runtime.

Zone champion Delores Bailey along with zone partners Reyna Rivera and Tami Pfeifer presented the priorities that were voted on during their community meeting. They explained the top four themes that were voted on.

Those four themes were: 1) Childcare, 2) Kindergarten readiness, 3) Housing, 4) Support for families

Zone 6 partner, Reyna, voiced the concern for affordable housing in the Zone 6. She felt like housing was more of a priority for the Zone. She explained that many parents have come to her, and expressed that they will be living the area due to lack of affordable housing. Meredith M. commented that the themes were not presented in rank order and that housing received the second highest number of votes.

Zone partner, Tami Pfeifer, commented that she felt that there was not enough parent/community resident representation at the priority setting zone meeting. She explained that there should be more engagement from community members, in order to get a better understanding of zone resident's perspective and priorities. She requested that the FSA make sure that we are capturing the wants and desires of the community. Delores Bailey added that service providers will be tasked with bringing at least one parent to future zone meetings.

Meredith Stewart presented the Council with proposed initial action steps. The proposal was a request for \$90,000 from the OC Social Justice Fund. These monies would contribute to implementing a Kindergarten Readiness program in one elementary school within each zone. She then proposed an alternate plan of establishing a kindergarten family literacy program in one elementary school within each zone. She made a request for an extra \$10,000 this fiscal year in order to hire individuals that play the role of a navigator and advocate for the FSA, service providers, children, and families to work on the ground in the zones. She explained that in order to compensate these individuals for the upcoming fiscal year, there would eventually be a request for an extra \$150,000.

The Council discussed both proposed plans. There was a motion to have the OCHD staff research a way to incorporate both plans (Kindergarten readiness program & Literacy program), as pilot techniques for both zones. All council members voted in favor that OCHD staff will find a way to incorporate both plans as an initial action step for both zones.

Wrap up

Meredith reminded the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on June 22, 2015 from 1:00pm-2:30pm.

Meeting Adjournment

Dr. Steiner closed the meeting again thanking all of those in attendance.