

Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2018
Carrboro Century Center

In attendance:

Council: Delores Bailey, Nancy Coston, Jenn Weaver, Michele Woodson, Luke Smith, Sarah Vinas, Mark Marcoplos, Michael Steiner, Jackie Jenks, Charles Blackwood, Annette Lafferty, Ric Bruton, Aviva Scully, Sammy Slade, Todd LoFrese, Liska Lackey, Rachel Schaevitz, Alesia Sanyika, Eric Guckian

Absent: Linda Bellamy, Mia Burroughs, Alice Denson, Rev. Sharon Freeland, Sherrill Hampton, Cordelia Heaney, Beatrice Parker, Quintana Stewart, Jen Della Valle

Staff: Mariela Hernandez, Claudia Yerena, Allison Young, Kristin Prelipp, Meredith McMonigle, Dominika Gazdzinska, Angela Clapp, Coby Austin

Guests: Nick Allen, Lisa Bobst, Emily Swink, LaDean Jones

Welcome and Key Organizational Updates

Jenn Weaver began the meeting with a welcome. We welcomed Todd LoFrese. Council members introduced themselves to guests. She invited members to share agency highlights. Claudia and Angela gave an update on Parent Council. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Orange County Schools shared information about summer programming. Meredith McMonigle discussed navigator updates – navigators for zone 4 will be moving out of Freedom House and into OCIM once approved by Board of County Commissioners. Development Updates were done by Coby Austin – FSA received donations from several churches in Hillsborough adding up to about \$1000 (still waiting for 1 check). Together we discussed immigrants that have been detained. Sherriff Blackwood spoke up about the information he had – ICE targeted Orange County because they were looking for 5 specific individuals, Police and Sherriff's Office are not working with ICEs and want to ensure that residents feel safe in Orange County. There was also some concern across both school districts for their undocumented families – they will be assessing shortly if there is any "damage". Kristin Prelipp showed a brief video that captures FSA essence of work – video can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDMlcWkq_Qo

Equity Summit – Delegation Report Out

FSA delegation participated in PolicyLink's Equity Summit in Chicago. Those who went felt like they created good relationships with other people. The summit was inspirational and educational. Over 4000 people attended the summit from all over the United States. Mariela shared an inspirational quote that she has learned at the summit: "Real power is the ability to change the rules" (by giving the power to the community, they can make changes themselves)

Strategic Planning Update

FSA's first and current Strategic Plan is wrapping up, we are busy preparing to develop our next plan. Foundational Assessment is in its first phase, and includes parent and other stakeholder input. Navigators will interview 5-10 families to receive their input. Data would also be gathered from other stakeholders such as agency partners, council members and county leadership. Strategic Committee will be created – group of 7-10 people identifying the direction FSA will be moving in.

Family Goals and Priorities

Mariela Hernandez and Rose Byrnes gave an overview of the goal-setting process with families and FSA Family Goal summaries – they identified that 93 families had set goals – adding up to 300 goals in total. 70 percent of families have at least three goals. There was a 270 percent increase in Child Care goals in this past year and a 40 percent decrease in mental health related-goals. There is a degree to which availability of resources (e.g., childcare scholarships) impacts what goals families set and accomplish. Council members and staff discussed the benefits and limitations of the current data tracking system and opportunities for better capturing family priorities.

Council Business

Jenn Weaver asked for nominations for Co-Chair. Liska Lackey nominated Beatrice Parker. Jenn thanked everyone for coming. Meeting was concluded with Ms. Austin reminding all council members to indicate what kind of racial equity training had they received.