



# HPFCE Meeting Notes

February 12, 2020 @ 2:00 pm

Glen Allen Branch Library 10501 Staples Mill Road

## Henrico Partnership for Family and Community Engagement Partnership Meeting

The HPFCE is comprised of members who are well-acquainted with the experience of being a direct service provider. With stakeholders from various local organizations who work with families in the Henrico community, they speak the language of service. By bringing them together to focus on their potential for collective impact, the HPFCE builds a network of connections and provides them with the infrastructure that they need to do their work effectively.

### Meeting Notes from January 8, 2020

#### 1. Presenter-Kim Edmonds, Virginia Cooperative Extension

Vision: Create a decentralized network of interconnected centers across the commonwealth where Virginia Tech's interdisciplinary researchers and Virginia Cooperative Extension specialists can partner with industries to develop and deploy innovative technologies to increase overall efficiency, resilience, and sustainability of food, agricultural, and natural resources production systems. Offers classes to Adults and children on a variety of topics.

#### 2. Strategic plan/meeting structure

Shawn shared the outcome of discussions that the steering committee has held regarding the structure of our meetings and how projects are completed moving forward. Mike Taylor has agreed for HEF to fund a consultant to assist us with developing a new partner onboarding process, creating better partner connections, and strengthening our meeting structure in moving our projects forward. The steering committee has agreed that we will utilize a project based approach for our work with the ability for partners to volunteer for specific projects

that they are invested in, instead of being members of one specific workgroup ongoing. The projects will be identified by the focus area of the project which will be tied to our four strategic goals. Members of the steering committee will be responsible for oversight of the projects in their assigned focus area.

### **3. Teen Pro-Social Project- Donna Clements - Children Services Act**

Seeking pro-social services for teens 13 years and older. Donna would like to collaborate with partner agencies to find services other than therapeutic mentoring.

**Proposed Plan** - Focus Groups and surveys to decide how to reach children 13+years by reaching out through RVA League for Safer Streets, Recreation and Parks, Teen programs in libraries, PAL, Youth MOVES, Director at School levels, counselors, youth leaders, coaches, etc. Social media platforms to include: Instagram, Facebook and Twitter was also mentioned.

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**Discussion Question-** What can we do as a partnership to reach this demographic of teens? What do we think is needed?

- Develop a site where youth will feel safe and welcomed (PAL has 60 kids the 4th Monday of each month

at Henrico Training Center) Be consistent with location and hours Provide community service hours

Provide parent resources

- Provide transportation resources

#### **Interested partner organizations**

- Mike Taylor- Henrico Education Foundation

Leslie Velez- Henrico Public Schools LeTeisha Gordon- A Better Day Association

Rachelle Butler- Open Table Chad Morris- Trinity Family Life Center Julius

Kenney- Henrico Mental Health Yolanda Hall- Henrico Mental Health

Sean Powell- Engage The Foundation

- VanNeisha Johnson-Henrico County Public Schools Family Advocate

- Matt Phillips- Henrico County Library

John Zannino- Recreation and Parks Jenetha Whitney-Henrico PAL Lowell Thomas- Henrico PAL **Dearsley** Vernon- Communities in Schools of Richmond Donna Clements- Henrico Social Services

**Next steps-** Sherry shared expectations of Pro-Social group such as creating/instructing, conducting interviews and compiling results and asked for more group members. She also shared the Google form created by Aaron Monroe with the group and gathered feedback. Survey Questions presented to Lowell's PAL groups and Julius Kenney's groups were discussed. Community Services opportunities for teens were discussed such as workplace readiness, churches, non-profit, animal shelters and school cleanups. Lowell has a focus group with John Zannino at Recreation and Parks. Lowell and John are planning a year end activity for PAL and year end activities for East and West End R&C.

#### **4. Fatherhood/Motherhood Celebration**

Sherry shared currently running Motherhood and Fatherhood programs and encouraged Partners to send referrals. It was also agreed that the planning for next year's celebration will be a project for the Partnership. Shawn stated that the celebration has reached the point that DSS staff alone cannot implement it. One of our first projects for the New Year will be start planning for the 2020 celebration. Committee was asked to consider the following: How many volunteers would be needed, Total Budget, Facility, Childcare, and Food. Henrico Partnership for Family and Community Engagement Partnership Meeting Meeting Minutes, Roundtable Page 3

**5. Open Table -** Shawn shared upcoming meeting with John Katov to discuss next steps with Open Table.

**6. Speakers for future meetings -** Amy Snerer from Henrico Health Department will speak at the next meeting