**NCN Meeting Minutes**

**September 12th, 2016, 12:00 - 1:00p**

**Polk County River Place, Conference Room 3A**

**2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA**

***Remember to sign in!***

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| **12:04p** | **Jordan Kauffman called the meeting to order.**  Also present were: Sanjita Pradhan, Alycia Green, Carmen Jones, Sonia Reyes Snyder, Belen Ceballos, Marlu Abarca, Jean Minahan, Som Acharya, Narayan Risal, Lisa Green, Tanka Dhital, and Nakuma Henderson. |
| **Welcome & Introductions // Icebreaker: What is your mission?** | Team members all introduced themselves with a brief personal mission statement:   * Coordinating neighborhood missions * Educate & Empower especially the Latino Community in seeking help when we need help. Passionate about ending gender violence. * Changing Mindsets & Building Bridges * Supporting youth to dream & connecting communities with resources * “DITTO!” * Outreach to youth, asking them what they need, working to provide. * Providing relevant programming * Finding ways & means to support all ages with the community. * Empowering Asian communities; bridging mainstream & Asian communities * Educating young people, advocacy, bridging gap between youth & seniors. * How to best integrate new cultures & provide resources. * Services for low-income families & promoting self-sufficiency. |
| **Polk CPPC Overview**  Four CPPC Strategies  Polk CPPC Areas of Emphasis: Disproportionality; Fatherhood Initiatives; ACEs & Trauma-Informed Care; Transitioning Youth  Discussion: Resiliency | An overview of Polk CPPC structure was provided. More detailed information regarding the 4 Strategies was requested for next meeting. Areas of emphasis were introduced to help Team Members understand how to frame future conversations with interested parties. CPPC Coordinator indicated the importance of infusing our interactions & communications with messaging about Resiliency. This was met with great reception from the group. |
| **Moving Forward**  Putting Our Work Into Words  What is the role of the NCN Team member? | CPPC Coordinator introduced the importance of capacity-building efforts across the board: for members of CPPC, for neighborhood & community associations, for direct service providers, and for institutions such as DHS/Child Welfare and Juvenile Court Services. The purpose of this section was to begin to establish CPPC’s potential as a capacity-building collaboration, and to discuss different strategies for capacity building across communities.  Capacity-building efforts will look different in varying sectors. Grantwriting training & strengthening supports for local emerging leadership organizations is something NCN are rallying for.  The role of the NCN Team member was established as: a spokesperson for our brand & our work, a storyteller to captivate & attract additional talent & energy, and as a promoter of CPPC efforts to strengthen families and protect children. Engaged team members will be a conduit for information, and will have the opportunity to influence funding decisions for maximum effectiveness. |
| **Messaging and The CPPC Brand**  Unofficial Mission Statements – The Elevator Speech  “Know Your Audience”- How to tell our story to anybody | We will continue to use the NCN Team as a venue for leadership building, beginning with working on strengthening storytelling abilities among the group, identifying universal language & messaging, and ensuring fluency in CPPC areas of emphasis & opportunities for engagement. |
| **Announcements**  *Upcoming community events, new information or resources, etc…* | IMPACT Community Partnership announces LiHeap early applications are available and appointments will begin on 10/01 for elderly, disabled, and fixed income. All other low-income households can apply for energy assistance beginning 11/01.  LUNA is organizing a Zumba-thon fundraiser on 10/29 – don’t forget to wear your costume! |
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| **1:09p** | **Adjourn** |
|  | **NEXT NCN MEETING MON, 10/10, 12 – 1P AT RIVER PLACE!** |