Community Health Improvement Planning
Youth Violence Prevention Coalition Meeting
Meeting Minutes – Thursday September 20, 2018
2**:00am-3:30pm**
Metro Goodwill Youth Program: 300 N 4th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705

In Attendance

5 Youth Violence Prevention Coalition Youth Ambassadors present

Brian Eller, *Pima County Health Department*
Courtney Waters, *UA Southwest Institute for Research on Women*
Nathan Durant, *ASU School of Social Work*
Nic Cogdall, *Pima County Health Department*
Rose Nguyern*, Pima County Health Department*

Welcome and Introductions

Brian Eller, Pima County Health Department, welcomed everyone in attendance and a round of introductions was completed. Brian notified the group that the YVPC meetings will be broadcast over Facebook Live in an effort to increase access to Youth Ambassadors unable to attend in person.

Additionally, Brian informed the group that the Youth Ambassadors formed a Budget Subcommittee that is in charge of the allocation of funding, fundraising, and partnerships with local organizations including GLDN Artists Group. The Subcommittee is looking for community assistance to educate the group on investing and financial management.

Youth Ambassador Guideline Development

The Youth Ambassadors discussed a recent reworking on the Ambassador program which included new guidelines:

- Attendance requirements for meetings;
- Attending extra meetings for special events, trainings, panels, etc.;
- Completing and reporting upon action items;
- Posting in the YVPC Facebook group in between meetings;
- Following Facebook's posting guidelines, particularly how they relate to violence.

The Youth Ambassadors discussed some of the pushback regarding the requirement to post on Facebook between meetings in order to be eligible to be a Youth Ambassador. Some Youth Ambassadors felt that the requirement to engage in online discussions were an unnecessary step, particularly if they preferred to meet in person. Several of the Ambassadors stated that there was not sufficient funding currently available to allow for additional in-person meetings. There was particular concern about making the Facebook post of a requirement to receive the Youth Ambassador stipend. Following the discussion, the group agreed that a 2 tiered stipend may be the most appropriate course of action moving forward. This stipend is available to Youth Ambassadors after they demonstrate their ability to following the guidelines.

Panel Discussion Review

The Youth Ambassadors discussed the CDC Panel that they participated in last month. Two of the Ambassadors shared their experiences discussing systemic issues related to Masculinity and Violence. Additionally, the Ambassadors discussed how they posed questions to the audience. The group also discussed the need to approach the subject of toxic masculinity with compassion for individuals but also balancing it with accountability; be understanding but do not make excuses

The two Youth Ambassadors noted that they will be hosting a panel at the Youth and Peace Conference from 10:00 – 10:30 AM on Friday September 21st. The topic of the panel will be Art, Activism, and Trauma.

Overview of Action Plan

Brian Eller offered a brief overview of the YVPC Action Plan and encouraged the group to review the goals, objectives, strategies, and goals. The Youth Ambassadors were encouraged to review the action plan to ensure that the items detailed are appropriate and relevant to the youth ambassadors. Brian noted that the action plan is intended to be updated and encouraged the Youth Ambassadors to focus on Goal 3/Objectives 1 and 2.

Upcoming Trainings and Events, General Updates

- Brian noted that there will be a Future Leaders Town Hall: Criminal Justice in Arizona held at the University of Arizona Student Union Memorial Center Level 3 – Kachina Lounge (1303 E University Blvd, Tucson, Arizona 85719) from 8:30 – 2:00 PM on Friday, October 5. This town hall will discuss criminal justice issues in Arizona and will gather information that can be used to guide changes.
- The mobile reengagement app being developed is expected to be piloted in January. Brian asked that the youth present take a survey to help collect feedback on the app to ensure that it is accessible.
- The 7th Annual Youth & Peace Conference will be held on Friday, September 21st from 8:00am to 1:30pm at the Pima Community College West Campus.
- The Emerge! center has received a grant to engage men and boys as allies against domestic violence, this will expand upon the existing program and allow them to build out an action plan.
- Nathan Durant noted that the Community Based Crime Reduction program has received a crime reduction grant focusing on the Drachman and Oracle area. Planning is underway and will be looking for volunteers. Rose from the Pima County Health Department that the PCHD will be conducting a series of health impact assessments that align with this work.
- Brian encouraged the youth to participate in online discussions to educate the public and emphasized the need to engage in respectful discussion when commenting.
- The group briefly discussed hostile design and gentrification as an action item for the next meeting.

Next Meeting

YVP Coalition meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, October 18th, 2018
Time: 2:00 - 3:30pm
Location: Metro Goodwill, located at: 300 N 4th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705

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