

Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Zoom Meeting



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MINUTES

Community Advisory Board

Members Attending: 10/19 (53%)

James Avery

Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce

Kenyetta Dotson

Michigan State University

Lottie Ferguson (Chair)

City of Flint

Debra Furr-Holden, Ph.D.

Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center

Lauren Holaly-Zembo

Crim Fitness Foundation

Keiona Murphy

Flint Community Schools

Tauzzari Robinson

Boys and Girls Club of Flint

Kirk Smith

Greater Flint Health Coalition

Verona Terry

Flint and Genesee Job Corps Center

Jamie-Lee Venable

United Way of Genesee County

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Members Not Attending: 9/19 (47%)

Shardae Davis

Genesee County Community Action Resource
Department

Sandra Johnson

Hamilton Community Health Network

Sandra Jones

Greater Holy Temple

Steven Kramer

Michigan State Police

Promice Mosley

Neighborhood Engagement Hub

Jalen Nunn

YMCA of Greater Flint

Dan Russell

Genesee Health System

Rafael Turner

Ruth Mott Foundation

Asa Zuccaro

Latinx Technology & Community Center

Guests: (2)

Latoya Jenkins

Genesee County Community Action Resource
Department

Stephanie Montgomery

Oakland ReCAST

Staff: (3)

Jonathon Mateen

Greater Flint Health Coalition

Afton Shavers

Greater Flint Health Coalition

Nichole Smith-Anderson

Greater Flint Health Coalition

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Lottie Ferguson, City of Flint, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Ms. Ferguson requested a motion approving the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting as distributed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board meeting as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: ReCAST Community Conversation: Oakland

Stephanie Montgomery, Oakland ReCAST, provided an overview of ReCAST activities taking place in Oakland, California. Ms. Montgomery shared the four overarching goals of Oakland ReCAST:

- Support Oakland residents' increased access to trauma-informed behavioral health services from City agencies and partner community organizations;
- Expand the usage of trauma-informed practices across HSD staff (Human Services Department) and HSD-funded service providers;
- Create opportunities for resilience and healing among community members, and between community members and the Oakland Police Department;
- Align and coordinate plans to promote trauma-informed systems in Oakland city government and local service provider networks.

Ms. Montgomery noted a few activities that support Oakland ReCAST goals such as funding head start mental health consultants, providing trauma-informed training throughout the Human Services Department, implementing youth-led mini-grant-making programs, creating employment opportunities for youth, and establishing Oakland's Resilience Working Group to provide input on the implementation of Oakland ReCAST efforts.

Discussion ensued with members showing interest in understanding how Oakland's ReCAST works with schools, at-risk youth who are not in school, and identified priorities at the start of the project. Ms. Montgomery shared that Oakland's ReCAST utilizes alternative practitioners in order to increase access to mental health services for children. Additionally, Oakland's ReCAST connects to out of school youth through the Department of Violence Prevention coaches.

Ms. Montgomery shared that Oakland’s ReCAST prioritized both the relationship between the community and police and the youth mini-grants early at the onset of the project. Each year the strategic plan is reviewed and updated based on the most present needs. Ms. Montgomery noted the importance of building a model of response to new traumas that arise in the community, as the COVID-19 pandemic has perpetuated many pre-existing problems.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Community Advisory Task Force to the Flint Police Department

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden, Ph.D., Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center (HFRCC), provided an update on the activities of the Community Advisory Task Force to the Flint Police Department. She shared the mission of the Task Force:

“Our mission is to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the greater Flint community to foster equity, peaceful resolution and systemic change to ensure the equal protection, fair treatment, and safety of all people. We believe our city will benefit from honest communication and respectful engagement between law enforcement and the communities they are charged to protect and serve. To meet the challenges of battling implicit bias, systemic racism, police violence, and faltering community trust, we will work in partnership with the City of Flint and local law enforcement to elevate the voice and concerns of the community, drive decision making, policies, practices and procedures to create a long-lasting infrastructure to build safe communities.”

Additionally, Dr. Furr-Holden shared that the Task Force consists of 11 members from various sectors and is now looking to racially diversify the group. The Task Force has agreed to reserve an ex-officio seat for a representative from Flint ReCAST. The Task Force plans to hold a public meeting twice per month.

Discussion ensued with members sharing the need to involve mental health partners and partners from the LGBTQ+ community in the task force in order to increase representation. Additionally, members shared the importance of providing mental health first aid training to police officers. Dr. Furr-Holden shared that the Task Force is looking for advocacy groups for the LGBTQ+ community.

Ms. Ferguson shared that ReCAST is working with Genesee Health System to provide mental health first aid training and the Crim Fitness Foundation to provide stress management and compassionate approaches to critical incident training for first responders.

Discussion: Developing Flint ReCAST Year 5 Vision and Work Plan

Afton Shavers, Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC), provided an overview of the updated identified priority areas of trauma impacting Flint youth which are:

- Housing
- Food insecurity
- Poverty
- Violence
- Police Brutality
- Technology Gaps
- COVID-19

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how to connect the identified priority areas for trauma to the five goals of Flint ReCAST which are:

- Build on strong local programs and partnerships to support at-risk youth and families in developing resilience, reducing violence, and developing a vibrant community;
- Use trauma-informed evidence-based programming to mitigate potential behavioral health impacts of the Flint Water Emergency on Flint youth and families;
- Integrate evidence-based violence prevention programming to enhance ongoing community organization led activities to encourage youth at high risk for developing traumatic stress symptomatology toward empowerment and achievement pipelines rather than the school to prison pipelines;
- Create a trauma-informed first responder community by providing trauma training to local police, first responders, and correction officers; and
- Increase capacity for youth and families in the Flint community to support skill building and career opportunities to implement evidence based programs.

Members shared the importance of coordinating community work that is currently being done to support ReCAST priorities and focusing deeply on priority areas that are not being engaged in the community.

Ms. Ferguson shared that the end of project reports from the year 4 mini grants were received on Friday, October 16 and a final report will be ready for review at the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the release of the year 5 mini grant request for proposals with members finding it best to hold the release in order to discuss altering it to fit specific focus areas.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 21, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.