

Durham Community Safety & Wellness Task Force Meeting - Violence Intervention RT Monday, October 25, 2021

Members Present: Marcia Owen, Samuel Scarborough, Dr. Wanda Boone, Ashely Canady and Randy Trice. Support: Dwayne Campbell

1. Welcome and Group Check-In

- a. Samuel asked attendees to share their rose, thorn and bud?

2. Dr. Boone introduced a survey that should help to ascertain the landscape analysis of non-profits (especially violence interrupters and those individuals or organizations that address the social determinants of health) across Durham, NC.

- a. She proposed that the survey should be distributed across using resources at the Partners Against Crime groups, and the Neighborhood Improvement Services listserv.
- b. The group agreed to use additional time to explore the survey the following day with support from the City's liaison.
- c. The RT will continually build out a database with grassroots organizations in Durham working on violence intervention and de-escalation.
- d. In response to Co-chair Marcia Owen stating that this initiative with the survey should include JCDP funded programs, Dr. Boone responded, "I do not have a problem with County funded programs being on the list, but I do not want that to take away from, or that they are more legitimate than other programs that are not JCDP funded".

3. Mr. Trice joined the meeting late at 7.05, and lauded Dr. Boone for her great work in the community, and for highlighting other programs that are not JCDP funded.

4. Samuel then changed topic to address the upcoming Quarterly Report that will become due. Dr. Boone agreed to lead the report writing this time. She proposed to start it, then allow other members to complete it.

5. Fatherhood of Durham requested money through Mr. Trice. He said other organizations could benefit from funding, "especially these grassroots organizations that don't know how to write grant, or how to navigate the process to receive funding". He is advocating for other grassroots organizations to receive funding, especially since they are doing a lot of great work. Dr. Boone followed up with, "we should ensure that these grassroots organization do not get absorbed into another, but that they receive the dollars. Maybe they could do collaborative where organizations maintain their own organizations, but they get the services and opportunities from their collaborations with others". Mr. Trice further noted, "other grassroots organizations are Spirit House, African America Empowering Women Mothers (maternal Health), Equitable Before Birth, and there are many more. The reason I am keying in on them, is you are addressing kids before and after birth. And if we are going change things around here, as have to serve children from 0 (zero). We have to be working on the prevention sides with our young kids. He also shared *Mobilizing African American Mothers'* website:

<https://maameinc.org/>

6. Samuel mentioned Men of Vision, as Mr. Earl Chestniut had uplifted the group at the previous meetings. Dr. Boone said she and Regina Mays asked if women would be involved. Mr. Trice said he is sure women are included and that Men of Vision is another good grassroots organization.

7. Samuel promised to start sending out the RT's agenda on Fridays and no longer Monday – to give people more time to review documents.

8. Closing