

Hartford's Promise: Children Achieving and Succeeding

May 28, 2010

In attendance: Keith Whitescarver, Jackie Cossentino, Evelyn Richardson, Hector Glynn, Aldwin Allen, Marilyn Calderon, Sandra Ward, Lee Castagnaro, Cynthia McKenna, Ann Ferris, Jennie Bruening

See slides by Grantify on website (HP 5.28.2010)

Updates on SAND's involvement-June 3 meeting scheduled with Principal Desi Nesmith, Christina Kishimoto, Sandra Ward and Hector Glynn to discuss SAND's involvement in the planning grant. Hector reported that positive conversations have been had between the Village and Principal Nesmith thus far and he supports the project. Sandra Ward has had several conversations along the way with him to keep him apprised of the Steering Committee's progress and identification of the neighborhood.

Sandra also spoke to how Dr. Kishimoto has been informed on more about the Zone concept and how it would impact SAND specifically.

Timeline for grant application outlined and group asked for that to be moved up to try to get a draft to group by June 14 so people had more time to read it and comment. Marilyn also commented that Principal Nesmith is away on vacation the week of June 14. Jackie and Keith agreed to try to move that date up as much as possible.

The meeting followed the slides from the webinar on the RFP as Keith and Jackie asked questions of the group on how to complete sections of the grant, including a conversation on Health and Housing specifically. Meeting attendees were asked to follow up with additional information to Keith and to copy Hector. Keith.whitescarver@grantify.org

Discussion of the theory of change and theory of action sections of the grant and need to determine where the group is coming from on both. This has to align with the Village's theories as well as SAND's. Consider the "conveyor belt" concept from the HCZ as a theory of change. Also making the greatest investment on the youngest children as an example of basis for a theory of action.

Sandra offered the Community Schools work for a guide on language for building community and culture that would be a good starting point.

Logic model outlined and discussed. Also a possible plan for how to use the funds to support what needs to happen in Clay Arsenal surrounding the zone—communications, data, fundraising. See Steering Committee Task Force charges for basis for these.

Conversation on what will make the community believe that this effort is not just one more effort that does not work, or gets their hopes up for change but then does not deliver. Also, what is going to help the community rally around SAND?

Hector suggested talking to HFPG on strategies they have used in this community to rally support around other programs in the past.

Hector will send out invitation to meeting for Grantify and today's group for June 8. Extend invite again to CRT, Mayor's Office for Young Children and CREC who were unable to participate today.