



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COALITION

Highlights of First Meeting

Wednesday - June 26, 2019

Silver Spring Civic Center

Purpose of the Coalition:

- Build bridges to bring the community together in a manner that demonstrates **'HOPE Has a Home'**
- Build stronger relationships with other churches, faith -based organizations, community organizations and businesses; make new friends and discover new allies
- Enhance hope in the following areas: Mental Health & Wellness; Moral Injury; Education/Youth & Culture; Social Justice; Housing
- Identify current networks with whom we can partner
- Create a process for engaging the faith community and others to bring about needed change and establish a process for building HOPE that can be replicated in other communities

A G E N D A

Facilitators:

Rev. Carlos Duran, Chair - Ministry Committee VOAC Board & CEO – Men of the Word (Virginia)
Rev. Dr. Todd Yeary, Senior Pastor Douglas Memorial Church (Baltimore)

Scribes:

Lillie Harrison and Donna Chung

Purpose of the Meeting:

- To check in with each other
- To identify areas to support each other
- To Prepare next steps

I. Opening

Scriptures:

"Commit to the Lord whatever we do, and our plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:31

"Be strong and courageous and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged by the size of the task for the Lord God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." II Chronicles 28:20

Prayers

- A. Individuals pray silently for their personal desired outcomes for this meeting
- B. Corporate Prayer (Rev. David Stancil, Columbia Baptist Fellowship – Columbia, MD)

II. Small Group Work

- A. Actions to date
- B. Successes
- C. Challenges

III. Reports

- A. Each Small Group Report Out (Prepare chart on successes and challenges)
- B. Large group comment and make recommendations
(Find ways to build on what has been recommended)

IV. Quarterly Coalition Meetings?

V. Closing prayer for future Success – Rev. John Davis (Keep It Moving Empowerment Ministry Alexandria, VA)

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS – Reginald and Jana Berhow

- Met on the 20th via Skype
- Services as it relates to independent housing
- Figuring out the needs for post-residential setting
- Developing support system for exit strategy
 - What services are needed?
 - What does it look like?

MORAL INJURY – Richard Bontz

- Identify training dates and share them with an ongoing referral list of people/organizations to participate
- Dave S. to create fliers targeting Pastors in community/region
- Develop Outline for the day
- Toolbox to identify people dealing with Moral Injury
- Develop a workbook and guide to use in training
- Find a corporation/sponsor to provide food for meeting/training
- Meet in October
- Educate/train on how to help people with moral injury
- Primary Audience
 - Churches, pastors, anyone dealing with hospitals, health communities, etc.
 - Having them write their stories
 - Resource sharing
- Training Timeline (at this time)
 - July 24th – 1st Training in NC
 - August 22nd – Training in Lanham

Commentary

Yeary

- Establish Baselines
- Don't get stuck on "plans"
- Be flexible
- Are there any models/examples from which you can acquire helpful information?

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- Intent is to have steps (identifiable outcomes) to move forward between now and next quarterly Coalition Meeting

EDUCATION/YOUTH CULTURE – Patricia Bunting and Lionel Gloster

- Identify others with whom to partner and assist with carrying on project
- Address Youth /Culture big issues – Social Media, bullying, online enticement & trafficking
- Identify service providers/groups working with youth
- Focus on outreach/recruitment
- Raise visibility of men involved/not excluding others (women)

Commentary:

Yeary

There's nothing new under the sun. Everything we need to know, we have access to it. Before we start with answers, let's understand the context. Don't prescribe solutions without asking the right questions. What's the issue? Gives clarity helps with impact.

SOCIAL JUSTICE – George Lino and Davina Alston

- Identify what we do well
- Find the gaps and determine how we fix them
- Begin conversations by asking what's the gap
- Determine how we make sure the consumer receives support post care
- Action Steps
 - How can we get help?
 - How do we enhance skills so that we can do more/less?
 - – After they leave us is what matters –
 - Create small care teams?
 - Enhancing licensing things?

Commentary:

Todd –

Definition of Social Justice – Deepening impact of the work you do for the bettering of persons you've touched/worked with. (Raise Impact) Not putting forth full effort will not present full results.

HOUSING – Charles Wilson

- Ask – Gather information
 - Talk with people who have the housing grants (understand how it is being used/developed)
 - Listen, giving the space to be methodical
 - Benchmark and observe change in status
 - Start with smaller geographical areas
 - Take time to research
- Come to agreement on definition of housing
- Secure information regarding VOAC Housing and names of participants in housing workgroup

Commentary:

Todd –

- Be deliberate & distinct
- Be methodical.
- Set timelines. Work only effective if sustained by prayer.
- **PRAY individually and together in teams –Work only effective if sustained by prayer. It helps to assure that we are not navigating in isolation.**

People Responsible for scheduling meetings between coalition meetings and keeping team members informed:

- Education – Lionel Gloster
- Youth and Culture – Patricia Bunting
- Moral Injury – Richard Bontz
- Housing – Charles and Sandra Wilson
- Social Justice – George Lino and Davina Alston
- Mental Health – Reginald and Jana Berhow

Next Coalition Meeting: Tuesday - October 30, 2019 [Time and Location TBD]

Note: Using flipcharts for note taking/tracking discussions amongst groups.