



Service Provider Working Group Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2019 | 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

City Council Chamber

MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Department of Children and Youth Updates

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Key Questions:

- How can we ensure that this community engagement work is spread across the City of Richmond?
- How is Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) work being incorporated into the department's work? How may we serve as a model for other jurisdictions?
- Are there similar departments in other cities to learn best practices from? What researched cities have attractive revenue models?
- How may federal funding affect the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth?

3. Landscape of Community-Based Organizations in Richmond and North Richmond

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Key Questions:

- Is there an opportunity to have the data be publicly available or shared in other ways?
- How are categories, such as Education and Job Training, being defined?
- Are all of the organizations listed from Richmond? Do they all serve Richmond Youth?
- How may we align funding and collectively bring more funding to Richmond? As part of asset mapping, how may we capture funding information to strategically increase funding in Richmond?

4. Community Needs Assessment Overview and Discussion

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Recommendations on UC Berkeley Student Group:

- Incorporate justice-impacted youth and trauma into the community needs assessment process?
- Review The Safe Return Project report
- Review the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- In addition to the RYSE Listening Campaign, there are other materials that would be helpful for the department to review
- Have creative activities (e.g. building, drawing, etc.), in addition to family-oriented activities, which would be beneficial

Recommendations on Request for Proposals:

- Incorporate additional language if needed considering there was no mention of other languages
- Pay engaged residents and provide food for their participation (e.g. Unity Park process)

Questions on Request for Proposals:

- Will the consultant be culturally competent?
- Will transportation, childcare, and food be provided for community meetings?
- Will LGBTQ+ be included in the RFP?
- Given some of the comments from local organizations that have done this work, is there a way that this can be nontraditional in that the consultant works with community-based organizations on the ground rather than facilitate a process themselves?

5. Opportunities for Collaboration

Building Blocks for Kids

- Offered to host focus groups and listening sessions, especially with parents

Child Abuse Prevention Council

- Offered to have the department visit parent information classes

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

- Offered to have the department attend the Downtown Holiday Festivals, provide surveys, and host focus groups and listening sessions with youth/parent leader groups

Expanded Learning Program, West Contra Costa Unified School District

- Offered to host focus groups

Groundwork Richmond

- Welcomed the department to table at upcoming events such as MLK Day of Service, Earth Day, and Homefront Festival

Healthy Richmond

- Offered to host focus groups and listening sessions with the Schools and Neighborhood Action Team. Healthy Richmond currently works with a North Richmond Resident Leadership Team which will have listening sessions with youth in North Richmond. The department is invited to attend

Just Imagine Books

- Offered to host a focus group

Neighborhood Councils (Cordell Hindler)

- The Park Plaza Neighborhood Council may be available to host. Mr. Hindler offered to speak to other neighborhood councils to host focus groups or listening sessions

Richmond Promise

- Richmond Promise has youth leaders supporting a "Richmond Giving Back" festival which may serve as a great opportunity for the department to attend and support

SparkPoint

- Offered the department to utilize the Macdonald Avenue space

YES Nature to Neighborhoods

- Welcomed the department to attend upcoming events with youth and families which includes outdoor events in areas such as Santa Cruz

6. General Announcements

General announcements provided by attendees

7. Upcoming Service Provider Working Group Meeting

The next Service Provider Working Group meeting will tentatively take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. More information will be sent out to the Service Provider Working Group