

Creating Safe, Equitable & Thriving Communities Fund Policy Committee

August 7, 2019 12-1:30

Voting Members Present: Ashley Balius, Brad Hart, Nancy Humbles, Lemi Tilahun, Stacey Walker, Mary Wilczynski

Community Foundation staff: Les Garner, Rachel Rockwell, Karla Twedt-Ball

Excused: Noreen Bush, Anne Carter, Okpara Rice, Dale Todd, Leslie Wright

AGENDA	PURPOSE
Welcome & Announcements	The last Not Without Me Forum will be held on August 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the African American Museum of Iowa
Program Officer Update	<p>Rachel has been conducting site visits for the summer grants cycle. The grants are going well, with the expected challenges of transportation, childcare for siblings, etc.</p> <p>The fall grant cycle materials are available, and the first of three planning sessions happened last week. Three presenters shared data about our community.</p> <p>Rachel shared that the National Network for Safe Communities group met for a 2nd time. They will meet with the Cedar Rapids Police Community Action Team Friday August 16th. Rachel also shared that she has had 2 phone calls with the Director for Group Violence Intervention at the John Jay College for Criminal Justice about the benefits and possibilities of implementation.</p>
Group Violence Intervention approach & other system interventions/ideas	We are working toward a longer term trajectory for the SET work, including model programs from other communities. Successful programs often have multiple components in place that work simultaneously with law enforcement, community groups, schools, human service agencies and other supportive groups. The Group Violence Intervention model is one of those possibilities that has generated local interest. The group agreed to continue exploring possibilities, including GVI. This might provide a framework for more targeted grant opportunities in 2020.
Metrics	Karla shared options for data metrics that could help us know if our community is moving in the right direction. The committee suggested additions. Karla will share this with the Linn County epidemiologist, who has offered to help us create a dashboard.
Funding	Les has contacted the three original funders, who will continue their support for the 2 nd year. As we create a track record with the summer grants and the fall cycle, we will consider additional funding options.
Editorial Board conversation review	The Community Foundation staff and funding partners will be meeting with the Gazette editorial board on August 8.
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