

Creating Safe, Equitable & Thriving Communities Fund Policy Committee

October 9, 2019 12-1:30

Voting Members Present: Noreen Bush, Brad Hart, Nancy Humbles, Okpara Rice, Lemi Tilahun, Dale Todd, Stacey Walker, Mary Wilcynski, Leslie Wright
 Community Foundation staff: Les Garner, Rachel Rockwell, Karla Twedt-Ball
 Excused: Ashley Balius, Anne Carter

AGENDA	PURPOSE
Welcome & Announcements	
Summary of Summer Grant Cycle	Rachel has received the final reports from the summer grant cycle and is in the process of compiling a summary report that she will share with the committee. She reported that the summer programming reached over 234 youth, including 75 youth that participated in multi-session programming (3-10 sessions, depending on the participation and the program). In addition, 71 adults were trained in implicit bias and/or restorative practices. Rachel will share the summary report soon.
Upcoming Cycle Update	The fall grant cycle deadline is October 10. Rachel held three planning sessions to help applicants prepare to submit applications that will be desirable to the SET grant and policy committees. The first focused on community data, the second featured evidenced-based programming, and the third was a “speed dating” session that helped encourage and facilitate collaborations. In addition, Rachel has had numerous meetings with potential applicants to review ideas and provide technical assistance as needed.
Media Exposure	The SET work and related community efforts are receiving media coverage, including the Gazette editorial board meeting in August, a second editorial board conversation focused on gun violence in September, Iowa Ideas, KCRG stories, and an upcoming KCRG Ethical Perspectives in the News. Most of the coverage has been positive. The Community Foundation is working to help the news media understand the complexities of the work.
What’s next – 2020 and beyond	The Policy Committee discussed the 2020 plans. Rachel shared a quarterly plan, in which she details activities to help build the network of support for SET related work, help the community adopt evidenced-based approaches for violence reduction, seek outside funding, and provide support for current and past grantees. As the group continues to learn about the Group Violence Intervention approach, Rachel offered to set up a conference call for the December meeting with Louisa Aviles, Director of Group Violence Intervention with the National Network for Safe Communities. Rachel also shared a white paper from the NNSC that summarizes the implementation of a community violence prevention support and outreach strategy.
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