



Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 12, 2018, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Attendees: Chrystal Mackesy; Cherri Estrada (for Andrew Knight), Livia Aregalo, Milagro DeJesus; Janet Hidalgo; Raslyn Sleet, Rebecca Daniel, Ruschelle Williams, Rayetta Scanchz, Pamela Morrison, Lyn Hart, Katy Zaragoza, Herardo Olivarría, Ana Sosa, Denis Avifia, Greg Kinder, Fran Pearson, Nora Lozano, Aimee Sitzler and Laura Oxley

Decision Points

- GFSN brochure changes.

GFSN Partner Highlight – Glendale Community Action Program (Rebecca): Resource for homeless and those in need of help to prevent eviction or utility shutoff if they can make future payments.

- Programs have different requirements concerning income & crisis level.
- Utility help needs to be applied for soon and is provided on first come, first serve basis. Phone lines are open Monday April 16 & 30. Have clients call early and make sure cell phones are completely disconnected before trying again.
- Families with children with special health care needs or adults with medical needs are handled differently. They should call the main number and say they need a special appointment due to medical needs.
- New program to help homeless into housing provides move-in costs, first month's rent and utilities.

Additional Discussion

A client needs a 24-hour childcare facility in Glendale. There were suggestions outside the area, but none that would work for the client. A suggestion was made to check with the Childcare Resource and Referral Service for in-home licensed providers in the area. Also, mentioned was providing the First Things First checklist for in-home childcare providers for client to use when interviewing providers.

MIHS Glendale Clinic had their first parent advisory meeting. Five parents that regularly visit the clinic gave feedback. Some recommendations are already happening. Hope to have similar meetings at all MIHS clinics.

Workgroup Updates

Family Engagement Workgroup (Nora): Engaged with 15 parents about the community leadership program at Imes Elementary. During the formal orientation, parents learned what commitment is needed, what resources are available and why the role is important. A few said it was too much, but



they were encouraged to continue and learn alongside the others. Regular trainings will continue, but they are available only in Spanish.

Partner Engagement Workgroup (Aimee): No update. Grace will connect with first-time attendees about a GFSN commitment letter to help ensure a consistent base.

Communication Workgroup (Peggy): Finishing brochure and need to update the resource list. Jerry and Janet agreed to help with the goal of having the list updated by the May meeting.

GSFN Sustainability Update (Peggy): Current funding from PHC for GSFN coach/Aimee ends in June and a new resource is needed. Many funding opportunities require a backbone agency for administration of a grant and often provides administrative support. Under the Collective Impact model, GSFN brings together many resources to tackle a complex social problem. Partners were encouraged to explore whether their organization would be a good fit as a backbone for the GSFN and contact Peggy or Aimee with questions.

Upcoming Events (Send to website for posting)

April 21st – Youth Fishing Day at Bonsall Pond from 8 am – noon. Glendale provides free fishing permits for kids 10-17. AZG&F loans fishing equipment.

May 4th – Cinco de Mayo celebrations at Landmark and Imes Schools with dancing and games. Channel 8 expected at Landmark.

May 5th – National Free Comic Book day. The Glendale Public Library is celebrating in Murphy Park from noon – 4 pm

Action Steps/Follow Ups

- Peggy will coordinate with Janet & Jerry about updating the resource list to have completed by next meeting
- All should explore whether their agency would be a good fit as a backbone for GSFN.
- Aimee will follow up with Grace with new attendees' information.
- May meeting at Imes Elementary; future summer meetings (May to August 2018) at Glendale Public Library.

Next GSFN Meeting: Thursday, May 10, 2018, 1 –2:30 PM at Isaac Imes Elementary School