



EDUCATION Working Group

Meeting Notes – 05.03.17

Participants: (see attached sign in sheet)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Co-chair, Kenneth Bentley of the Goldsboro Front Porch Council and Seminole County Public Schools opened the meeting and facilitated a round of introductions. Tamara Johnson, CNI Project Manager, introduced the new CNI staff members; Anthony Brown will serve as the CNI Engagement Coordinator and Gail Chisolm as the CNI Office Assistant.

2. Highlights from Tampa Housing Authority site visit

Eighty-five Sanford residents and stakeholders took a bus trip to Tampa to tour the Encore CNI revitalization effort that received a \$30 million CNI Implementation Grant. Kenneth Bentley provided a detailed overview of the tour and members of the group that attended were encouraged to share their take-aways:

- The Robert Saunders, Sr. Library was a highlight. The \$7 million, two-story building features a meeting room which holds up to 300 people. There was a separate entrance for the elementary school that is connected to the facility.
- The library as well as many other elements in the redevelopment had design elements that highlighted the rich cultural history of the area.
- Metropolitan Ministries offers a one-stop shop facility. A partnership with the Bank of America CDC, Hillsborough County School, NAACP and the 13 local churches created a facility to address displaced families. All schooling, housing and recreational events are encompassed on one site. The amenities of this facility consist of:
 - A gourmet kitchen, which allows all families to dine together and residents to learn how to work in the restaurant industry
 - Short and long term stay as needed for the displace families
 - In the process of building a middle school.
 - Adults working closely with kids
 - Fabulous relationship with the school Board, all teachers are paid certified teachers
 - One stop shop with transitional programs
 - After-school programming
 - Media/computer center
 - Recreation room that offers a lot to keep kids busy
- The Living Communities are very impressive complexes. The living communities consist of high rise and high end buildings that are truly mixed-income (less than half the units are public housing). Each building is unique and their names reflects the musical history of the area, i.e. the Elle, the Encore, and the Tempo. Each living community has a media center,

recreational rooms, swimming pool, and a unique security system which controls traffic flow.

- Tour participants noted that the facilities are very high end and they would consider living there themselves. The tour helped participants to see the possibility of what could be. If you get buy-in, the sky is the limit. The new site has an inviting atmosphere and felt safe.

3. Review of Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2017

The minutes were provided for participants to review; any comments or clarifications to these minutes are welcomed. No changes were provided.

4. Review of the final work product/examples from other projects

Kathy Carton from EJP Consulting Group reviewed the key elements of the work product that the CNI planning team needs from each of the working groups:

- Reach consensus on the priority needs in their respective area
- Set a goal(s) to address that need
- Develop strategies and action steps to achieve that goal
- Identify partners who will be responsible for implementing the strategies
- Establish a timeline (short, medium or long-term) for implementing each strategy, and
- Determine metrics for tracking progress in meeting the overarching goals.

Kathy also shared samples of matrices created by other CNI communities to help illustrate what we are looking for. It was noted that many of the goals across CNI communities are very similar. However, there are significant differences in the strategies employed in different neighborhoods depending upon the partners, programs, assets and opportunities that are unique to each community.

5. Presentation of Goldsboro Front Porch Council programs

Kenneth Bentley gave a detail explanation of the activities and opportunities existing at the Goldsboro Front Porch site which opened in 2008. Current programs include:

- Recovery of lost credit to graduate with a high school diploma from one of nine SCPS high schools
- On-line course work
- An array of free tutoring in Algebra, foreign language, and English by certified SCPS teachers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays
- Free ACT and SAT prep on Saturdays
- College visits that provides exposure to college campuses for many youth who would not get it otherwise
- Golf lessons
- Summer school on Monday –Thursday from 1pm to 5pm

Other working group members shared information about additional education programming:

- Purnell Bush, President/CEO of **No Limit** that specializes in juvenile entrepreneurship and special events. For more information, he can be reached at pbush@nolimitsempowerment.org
- Latoya Prescod, **Community Health Interventions & Sickle Cell Agency** offers:

- Healthcare Enrollments
- Public Assistance Support
- Referral Services
- Job Placement
- Health Education/Literacy
- They also work locally with the Eugene Gregory School

For more information, Latoya can be reached at www.communityhealthintervention.org or (407) 878-0811

– Kyle Hughes, **Seminole County Public Schools**

- Kyle reviewed the complex system for school choice in SCPS. Unlike traditional neighborhood schools, Goldsboro students are not automatically assigned to a school based upon their address. Instead, he noted that Goldsboro sits at the intersection of two school regions and that parents have a choice about where they send their child to elementary school within their designated zone. It is critical that parents apply in a timely way to maximize the chance they will get their preferred school choices. To further complicate the process, there are also magnet schools- two of which are located in the Goldsboro neighborhood: Goldsboro Elementary and Crooms Academy- that anyone in the district can apply for. In addition, some SCPS offer “programs of emphasis” that allow students to pursue particular areas of interest. The SCPS application process starts in the fall; far earlier than many parents realize.
- Kyle also noted that the state of Florida recently passed an Open Enrollment Law. According to the new law, all school districts must identify schools with available space and develop a process to make these slots available to any student in the state. For the 2017/18 school year, SCPS identified six elementary schools, three middle schools and one high school that have space available.
- There was a question whether SCPS plans to build any new schools. Kyle reported that at present the only plans are to create a 9th Grade Center for Seminole High School at the Millenium Middle School site and create a new middle school at another decommissioned school site. He also noted that there are currently three charter schools in Seminole County. Latoya reported that Community Health Interventions submitted a charter school application on 5/1/2017. A site has not yet been determined.

Akeima Gunyard and Chalah Harris, Seminole State College

- **Trio connections:** Federal program that supports students from Seminole, Winter Springs and Lyman in obtaining a High School Diploma or GED for the students from, focus on test preparation. The program also helps with college applications anywhere from enrollment to Financial aid. It targets first generation college students
- **Academic Foundation:** offers GED, ESOL, Adult High School for participants ages 17+
- **Direct Connect:** Dual enrollment is available with Seminole State College and Seminole County Public Schools for college credit. This program enables high school students to complete AA & AS degrees; it also creates an education pipeline where students can directly enroll in local colleges for further education.

- **Virtual school:** Seminole County Public Schools offers virtual classes
- Seminole State College offer on-line support via text and skype that helps alleviate the need to travel to and from campus regularly.
- **Community Legal Services of Mid Florida**
Helpline Monday – Thursday 8:00-4:30 at 1-800-405-1417
- **Southern Technical College** offers pathways programs from GED to a technical degree.
- **Westside Community Center-** It was also noted that Commissioner Velma Williams sponsors a community meeting on every 4th Thursday of the month. This is an opportunity for the community to receive updates on the progress of Historic Goldsboro Blvd and other activities happening in the Goldsboro area. The meeting is a forum, everyone share their opinion

6. Discuss and finalize priority needs and concerns

Kathy noted that there were three additional findings from the Existing Conditions report worth highlighting for the group’s consideration:

- Attendance rates among Goldsboro and former SHA residents are lower than the district as a whole; in addition, chronically absent students (those that miss more than 10% of school days) are significantly higher. Attendance rates can be an important predictor of academic success.
- Rates of disability are nearly twice as high among Goldsboro and former SHA residents than the average SCPS student. Should the plan address supports for students and parents with special needs?
- Rates of disciplinary action are approximately three times higher for Goldsboro and former SHA residents than the average SCPS student. Should this be a priority issue to be addressed in the plan? Latoya noted that cultural competency and technical training for teachers is key to reducing recidivism.

Kyle Hughes advocated that the group should prioritize closing the gap in school readiness when entering kindergarten through an emphasis on early learning. If the community can bridge this gap early, then there may not be as great a need for services later.

It was also noted that the SCPS system is quite complicated as well as decentralized. So, in addition to working to provide parents with better information, it may also be necessary to help parents “navigate” the system. Kyle noted that SCPS is considering creating a One-Stop/Welcome Center to house staff from various departments that could be co-located with other county service providers and that perhaps this facility could be located in Goldsboro. This proposal is consistent with the type of One-Stop facility or campus that the Community Facilities working group has been discussing.

Kyle also noted that given the transportation challenges students and parents from Goldsboro face, it might be worth looking into transportation funding from there sources that could be used in conjunction with Seminole County Public School transportation resources. There was also a suggestion to look into a county CSA grant to fund bus passes.

Is there an opportunity to create a satellite program from Seminole State in the Goldsboro neighborhood? Mr. Bentley noted that Seminole State College had a prior history working with Goldsboro Front Porch Council to offer community-based GED and computer classes at the AME Church. There is a critical need to provide these services in the neighborhood today due to transportation and engagement challenges. Seminole State College representatives indicated a willingness to look at this further. Perhaps there is an opportunity to offer a satellite program at the One-Stop facility or campus being considered by the Community Facilities group as noted above.

After further discussion, the group decided to focus on the following five priority areas going forward:

1. After school and summer programming
2. Parent engagement, parent support and dual generation programming
3. Early learning
4. School choice
5. Alternative education supports and programming

7. Upcoming Meetings

- May 24th (Wednesday) at 10:00am
- June 14th (Wednesday) at 10:00am
- June 24 (Saturday) at the Westside Community Center– Community Information Fair to get public feedback on each Working Group’s draft priorities and strategies

8. Other ideas:

- CNI team to offer evening meetings to provide Working Group updates for those that cannot attend during the day
- New CNI office at 120 Lexington Park; currently staffed on Wednesdays and Thursdays but will be open Monday thru Friday shortly; Open House scheduled on Thursday, May 25th - all are encouraged to attend

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 24 at 10:00am at the Goldsboro Front Porch Council

For more information about the CNI Planning Process and/or other working groups, visit:

www.ChooseGoldsboro.com



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