

NP Municipal Alliance Committee and Youth Services Commission
Minutes
2/29/2012

In attendance: Melissa von der Heide, Ruth deBang, Joan Graham, Alex Kuga, Eric Fowler, Peggy Merrill, Cindy Britt, Kawanzaa King, Keiona Miller, Lauren Ryan, Yvonne Njoku, Rev. Calbert Brantley

Mayor's Office-nothing at this time
Meetings will be separated into YSC and MAC. Minutes will be divided accordingly.

Keiona will run YSC

Youth Services Commission
County Report

- 3/8 Parenting Teenagers worksho
- Aging Out (foster care)
- April gang awareness- Ed Torres at Empower Somerset at Bound Brook HS no charge 4/12 from 6-9

Alex has connected with Torres. Could use our multicultural money to fund a presentation. Kawanzaa and Alex will work together to get a date on calendar. County can help with flyers

- Freeholders not voting on budget yet. Grant applications will be out in May

Program Updates

Girls on the Run- Because of Work to Rule, teachers not running the program. A flyer has gone around to see if parents will volunteer, but they may need to be fingerprinted.

- STEP-nothing yet
- Mentoring-need figures from Ann to see what money is left

Good of the Order

Street Fair-need to order materials. Eric has leftover DARE bottles. Can get brochures fro Count

Municipal Alliance
New MAC coordinator not appointed yet
MAC chair is Peggy Merrill

County Report- 3rd quarter report done, end of year needs to be done once we have a new coordinator

March 4-10 is Gambling Awareness Week- Betsy sent flyers

Program Updates

- GREAT-starting in April/May- no ordering yet
- DARE-5th grade started-June 14th graduation
- Multicultural Family Connections-Somerset 6 wants to put together a presentation for Hispanic families. Multicultural Day.
- STEP-nothing yet, but may need to relocate this year. Kawanzaa suggested an Open Gym night during the school year. Plan coming from Chris Tarver in Rec for 2 nights a week

New Business

- Coordinator to be appointed for next meeting
- Budget print out presented-each program director should bring spending information to meetings.
- Lauren Ryan, director of NP Library is increasing adult programs. would be willing to host the Gang workshop if needed.