

## IAB MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/20/20

Location: St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
10:00 AM -12:00 noon

**Present:** Teresa Alfes, Karen Bailey, Kay Bess, Donna Brehm, Percey Carter, Beverly Chamblee, Veronica Cosby, Tommie Cubine, Herb Erb, Jessica Estey, Barbara Ford, Lisa Geiger, Lynne Graham, Debra Grant, Eddie Howard, Ryan Jones, Sharon Jones, Paula Levy, Jackie Malbon, Sandy May, Renee McCarthy, John Moxen, George Orr, Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Teresa Stanley, Elmer Steward, Alice Testerman, Marie Thompson, Carmen Thorpe, Keenan Tyler, Ken Veazey, Kristen Ward, Ben Watterton, Joanie Wood

Debra Grant called the meeting to order. Sam Williams welcomed the group to St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and led in prayer.

### Advocacy Report, - Teresa Stanley:

- Teresa Stanley and Debra Grant had a productive meeting with Aileen Smith, the new DHS Director, Angie Hicks, the new DHS Deputy Director of Behavioral Health and have been invited to participate in updating the department's strategic plan.
- Acknowledged Debra Grant's birthday with a cake
- Georgia Steffen, who is currently recovering from surgery and could not attend today, has been selected for a Hampton Roads Gazeti Exemplary Award and will be recognized March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at Unity Church of Tidewater.
- Reminded the group of the purpose of the Blessing Box and asked that it be passed.
- JCOC's Re-build Plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Now will go before City Council on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Kay Bess will attend along with Sam Williams, who will speak in support of the plan. Those attending are encouraged to wear teal to show support.
- Joanie Wood was asked and is considering applying to serve on the Community Services Board. Teresa asked if anyone else interested.
- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> is crossover date at General Assembly. Progress has been made in area of anti-poverty lending, minimum wage and driver privilege cards for immigrants. Poverty levels have been updated. No work requirement for Medicaid. See chart at end.
- Increased participation in Charity Tracker was the IAB's initiative focus this year. Goal was to obtain 45 users.; now at 40 per Jennifer Vaughan. The group was reminded that invoices have gone out and payment is due. Sam Williams and Karen Bailey indicated they thought they had joined but had not received confirmation. Jennifer will check on this. Jennifer passed a sign- up sheet for anyone else interested in participating. The team now consists of Nancy Will, Jennifer Vaughan, Susan Lambert, and Susan Anders.
- Teresa announced the "Save the Date" flyer for Tools for Transformation: JustFaith Celebration and Introductory Presentation on 5/7/20. JustFaith was an initiative organized by Ken Veasey and has offered amazing topics dealing with racial equity.

Educational Presentations: Jackie Malbon shared the historical research she has been conducting and led a discussion tracing the transfer of land ownership. Dr. Amelia Ross

Hammond followed with a PowerPoint presentation of the Virginia African American Cultural Center.

## Virginia's State-Sponsored Health Insurance Programs

*These numbers are effective January 17, 2020*

Household Size	New Health Coverage for Adults <i>up to 138% FPL** Gross Income</i>		FAMIS Plus & Medicaid for Pregnant Women <i>up to 148% FPL** Gross Income</i>		FAMIS, FAMIS MOMS, & Plan First <i>up to 205% FPL** Gross Income</i>	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
<b>1</b>	\$1,469	\$17,609	\$1,575	\$18,885	\$2,181	\$26,158
<b>2</b>	\$1,983	\$23,792	\$2,127	\$25,516	\$2,946	\$35,342
<b>3</b>	\$2,499	\$29,974	\$2,680	\$32,146	\$3,711	\$44,526
<b>4</b>	\$3,014	\$36,156	\$3,233	\$38,776	\$4,477	\$53,710
<b>5</b>	\$3,529	\$42,339	\$3,785	\$45,407	\$5,242	\$62,894
<b>6</b>	\$4,044	\$48,521	\$4,337	\$52,037	\$6,007	\$72,078
<b>7</b>	\$4,560	\$54,704	\$4,890	\$58,668	\$6,773	\$81,262
<b>8</b>	\$5,074	\$60,886	\$5,442	\$65,298	\$7,538	\$90,446
<b>Additional person add</b>	\$516	\$6,183	\$553	\$6,631	\$766	\$9,184
<b>Income Guidelines</b>						

*Children - birth through age 18.*

*Note: A pregnant woman counts as 2 people when applying for Medicaid for Pregnant Women or FAMIS MOMS, more if twins/triplets/etc. are expected.*

*\*\* The dollar figures shown include the 5% FPL Standard Disregard allowed to all applicants.*

Source: SignUpNow, An Initiative of the Virginia Health Care Foundation

Teresa reminded everyone that the Capacity Building Committee continues to meet monthly and is working to identify relevant speakers for each meeting.

Attention was drawn to the Census Flyers which had been distributed and it was noted that more time would be devoted to this at the March meeting.

### Initiative Updates:

#### Capacity Building and Leadership – Dustin Schwandt

**Fathers in Training:** Ben Watterton reported that there were 11 graduates at Monday's meeting. They have started an alumni group that meets the last Wednesday of every month. One participant just got children back from Foster Care. They are planning a summer picnic. Ben then introduced Eddie Howard and thanked MENT and Turning Point Church for their partnership.

**Financial Empowerment/Matched Savings-** Debra and Alice reported that January Bank On classes are underway with approx. 160 participants across three cities. The week of 2/24 -2/29 is VA Saves Week and the 3 cities will be doing small scale events to promote savings.

The financial Empowerment Team continues to meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 4 pm at Catholic Charities and is need of additional support.

**Foster Care** – Ryan Jones announced that the department is continuing to look for ways to raise awareness of the need for foster parents. There are approx. 220 kids in foster care and 60 foster homes. Ryan thanked Ken Veasey for hosting the monthly foster parent meetings.

**Food Security** – Karen reported that her ministry continues to focus on access, affordability and education around healthy food choices. She reminded the group that congregations can invite them to set up at events and thanked Kay Bess for inviting them to her Women’s Group. As a local nonprofit, they accept SNAP/EBT, make deliveries and offer meal prepping for seniors. Karen thanked Veronica Cosby for assisting in the writing for a grant.

**Furniture Ministry** – There have been some missed opportunities with calls not being returned. For now, continue to connect with Outreach for Christ through Nancy Will.

**Mental Health Awareness** – Joanie Wood announced that NAMI is offering the usual classes:

3/10 – Supportive Communication at Thalia United Methodist,

3/31 Documentary: Bedlam

3/29 Opioid Crisis

Visit [MAMI website](#) for details.

NAMI and [Chrysler Museum](#) partnered to increase awareness

Tommie Cubine thanked the IAB for their advocacy efforts – increased funding for STEPVA looking good. – will not be fully funded but kept what the governor put in. Tommie also reported that the Human Rights Commission is reaching out to faith communities for advocates who will speak from the pulpit.

**Open Table** – Teresa announced that 3 Tables are now meeting. Hope to have 4-5 by end of year. One group still need to complete training.

#### **Open Agenda/Announcements:**

Community Conversation on March 31<sup>st</sup> at MOCA – Human Rights and Race Relations

Beverly Chamblee announced that Human Services handled 569 food referrals and served 1500 people last year. They held an Open House in October for the churches hosting food pantries and plan to hold another one in the coming fall.

**Next Meeting: March 19, 2020 at Church of the Ascension, 4853 Princess Anne Rd.**

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