



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 16, 2011

The Commission Board Meeting took place on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 10:11am in the Indiana State House, Room 101. Meeting was called to order.

Roll Call

Kenneth Allen, Jackie Cissell proxy for Mike Carr, Laura Heinrich proxy for Gregory Larkin, Virgil Madden proxy for Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Shanida Sharp-Byrnes proxy for Tony Bennett, Rev. Joe Smith, Lynn Smith proxy for Gina Eckart, Dr. Vernon Smith, Rob Wynkoop

Guest – Amanda Lamb and Caz Day w/ Neighbors Organized to Assist Humanity (NOAH), Demetrees Hutchins doctoral student and annual report research analyst, Rich Scott

Staff – James Garrett Jr., Malika Mays

Old Business

Annual Report Review

Demetrees Hutchins facilitated the 2010 Annual Report review: Issues that rose from the discussion were:

New charts will be created and the most current data available will be used. The structure/content of the input will deal only with Black male Hoosiers.

The executive summary will state the problem affecting Black males and will match up with the problem statements in each focus area.

The report will highlight what the Commission achieved through partnerships and collaborations.

Commissioners agreed that a meeting should be held with the head research or point person of each focus area to get clarity and most recent data/information to be placed in the report. Ms. Hutchins and Mr. Garrett will work on holding these meetings in a timely manner.

The Commission discussed and agreed to identify more partnership and collaboration opportunities.

Mr. Kenneth Allen moved to allow the executive committee to meet with Ms. Hutchins in regards to her new compensation, for her assistance and extra work to be done to the annual report, and report back to the board. Rev. Joe Smith seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

It was suggested by Mr. Rich Scott that the Commission incorporate Indiana foster care figures into the Social Factors section of the report.

Ms. Demetrees Hutchins suggested the Commission develop a Black Male Youth Advisory Board to keep the Commission abreast of Black male youth issues.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:32am