

EMPOWERING HUMANITIES MINUTES

March 12, 2020

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Secretary: Kyle Metzger

- I. Introductions
- II. Purdue Extension – Fast Start Program
 - a. Purdue is rolling out a college readiness system. Similar to AP courses. Students can save \$20,000 and get up to a year of college coursework completed before enrollment. Tests must be completed the November before the application date. Doesn't guarantee admission into particular program. Website is purdue.university/faststart. Open to homeschooled students as well. All courses are online and self-paced.
- III. Sharing – Everyone
 - a. Library
 - i. New guides distributed
 - b. Red Cross
 - i. Sound the alarm campaign taking place April 11 and 18 to canvas the city and install smoke detectors to occupants or homeowners.
 - 1. April 11 – 10am meet at Café of Hope to pre-canvas at-risk neighborhoods
 - 2. April 18 – 11am-4pm installing detectors (also meet at Café of Hope)
 - 3. Contact Huntington Fire Department to volunteer
 - c. Place of Grace
 - i. Likely will be posting full and part time positions soon. Check facebook page and website.
 - ii. Housing is difficult for graduates. Let Hannah know if you know of options.
 - d. Community Foundation
 - i. Scholarship applications due March 18
 - ii. Grants due April 15
 - e. Love INC
 - i. Need assistance in Covered with Love low-cost clothing and supply store. Open to the public and need volunteers to help run. Also do vouchers for families in need. Can use volunteers of all ages
 - ii. Food pantry is changing to pre-bagging to minimize exposure. TEFAP still happening.
 - f. Kids Kampus / Early Head Start
 - i. Have openings! 6 weeks old to 3 years old
 - ii. On My Way Pre-k taking applications starting next week
 - g. WorkOne
 - i. Lots of open positions in the county, most with no experience necessary.
 - ii. They can come to your organization to do a presentation for clients, even outside of work hours.
 - h. CFS / Energy Assistance / Huntington House

- i. Not exactly sure what energy assistance program will look like going forward due to restructuring. Still accepting applications in case funding comes through.
 - ii. House is full, new programs happening including after-care and relapse prevention
- i. Salvation Army
 - i. Kicked off Huntington County homeless coalition. Set up temporary shelter at Salvation Army facility. Not many have shown up, and more volunteers are needed. This has been a good learning experience regarding the need for a shelter in Huntington. Website available: huntingtoncountyhcc.wixsite.com/home
- j. Friends Counseling
 - i. New service in the region. Accept Medicaid. Evening hours available.
- k. Bowen Center
 - i. Hiring! Hiring fair Tuesday the 17th for skills coaches and skills techs. 2-6pm at the Huntington office.
 - ii. Systems of Care meeting today after the EH meeting.
 - iii. March 25 – drug court graduation at 4pm at Superior Courtroom
- l. Head Start
 - i. Free preschool. Applications available. Currently have some openings, may be filled soon.
- m. Cancer Services NE Indiana
 - i. Ramping up services, more referrals happening.
 - ii. Can accept donations of wigs, and wigs can be checked out 2 at a time.
- n. Mental Health America
 - i. Lunch and learn series at YMCA ongoing
 - ii. Working with IYI to do lunch and learns in 5 counties including mental health and media
 - iii. Trainings menu distributed. All trainings are no-cost.
- o. Huntington University
 - i. Updated resource directories distributed. Seniors update them each year. Let Carla know if any information is inaccurate.
- p. United Way
 - i. Thank-you breakfast postponed
 - ii. Campaign ending well
 - iii. Community Conversations ongoing
- q. YSB
 - i. Healthy Kids day – April 18. Lots of agencies participating with good information. Will serve as the prevention of child abuse month event.
 - ii. Suicide prevention training available.
 - iii. Reinstating CASA program. Seeking adult volunteers who will represent youth and advocate for them in the court system. They represent their best interests regardless of the opinions of the parents or other entities.
- r. Positive Resource Connection

- i. Quarterly HIV testing at Health Dept. Next day is May 20th. Turnout is usually low. High rates of positives, but want to make sure people know about the service.
 - s. Supportive Services for Veterans and Families
 - i. Services available
 - t. Adam
 - i. Advocate for the poor. Has a friend who made some mistakes a while ago and can't find a job or shelter. Other friends who have found jobs but are still homeless. Says rules should be reconsidered to help the shelters be able to be more flexible.
 - ii. Meeting with the mayor for the poor on March 23 from 11-1 at mayor's conference room. Luncheon from pizza junction. Tell anyone who might be interested that they can join. Call the mayor's office to save a spot. Will give the poor a chance to bring their perspective.
 - u. Purdue Extension
 - i. Ag day canceled. Seeing about other methods distribution for the information.
 - ii. Dining with diabetes series in May. Registration deadline is April 7. Held at Love INC. Contact Purdue Extension.
 - iii. Lots of seeds available for home gardens.
 - iv. Program assistant position open. Full time with benefits.
- IV. Unmet needs

Next Meeting: April 9, 2020

Normalene Daniels-Facilitator

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Ground Rules:

- To provide fair time to all speakers and end the meeting by 10:30am, please limit time to 10 minutes per speaker.
- Please limit sharing to 60 seconds per person.
- Please email any items (that are not fundraising) you would like emailed to the entire group to Caroline Everidge at empoweringhumanities@gmail.com.