

Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition  
Minutes  
Friday, January 22, 2010

Welcome: Members Present: Beatrice Archer, Lamont Bagby, Roberto Benavides, Courtenay Burke, Tamara Childress, Beverly Godwin, Nicole Gore, Rodney Gore, Dreamel Henry, Steve Hixon, Kathy Johnson, Deborah Lowry, Denise Miller, Abby Pond, Jacqueline Poke, Sgt. Kenneth Ragland, Pam Sclar, Patricia Shaw, Sue Striano, Jacquelyn Smith-White, and Randy Wilson.

Welcome and Introductions:

Sue Striano's first meeting as Coalition Chair.

ABC Grant:

Nicole provided update on Town Hall Meetings.

Thursday, December 3, 2009; 6pm – 8pm at Tuckahoe Middle School and

Thursday, December 10, 2009; 6:30-8:30 at Varina High School: Gave update on attendance and evaluation feedback.

Two Town Halls are scheduled for the spring; Deep Run High School, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet with Wilder Middle School PTA Executive Board in February for fourth site.

Youth Ambassador Report:

Activities Update:

The youth hosted the Tuckahoe Middle and Varina High School Town Hall meetings. Monthly meeting held in December to process activities (Outstanding Youth Awards, and Town Halls). January meeting; Environmental Strategies Training facilitated by Steve Hixon. Additionally, the PSA's created by the Youth Ambassadors have been distributed to every middle and high school in the county.

501C3 Update:

A small group will be meeting with the lawyer next week so we may move forward with the process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Champions Breakfast:

Kathy Johnson provided an update. Fifty people have sent an RSVP for the breakfast. Please let Kathy know if you will be attending. Denise Miller was recognized at the meeting as a Community Champion Recipient. She will not be able to attend on Thursday due to a prior engagement. Congratulations and Thank You to Denise.

Abby Pond and Courtenay Burke will present awards on Thursday. Michael Harris will provide the welcome. Michelle Hairston is the keynote speaker.

A press release went out for the event.

### Teen Job Symposium

Steve Hixon provided an update. The Teen Job Symposium will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm. Registration is on-line only beginning February. Coalition members interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Steve.

Steve also provided an update on the LABEL UP event scheduled for Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm at the Henrico Theatre. Michael Paul Williams is the moderator for the event. A flyer was sent to all members.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Media Committee:

The meeting committee will meet in February to planning strategies for promoting the town hall as well as other coalition events. Denise requested more coalition members to sign up for the committee. If you are interested please contact Nicole Gore, and she will forward the information to Denise.

### Program Committee:

Kathy shared the need for more assistance with the committee. You can work on planning specific events, not all events. We want everyone to be included. Kathy is the facilitator of the committee and welcomes all hands. If you are interested please contact Nicole Gore, and she will forward the information to Kathy.

### Finance Committee:

Nicole provided a report on budget expenditures since the last coalition meeting: \$624.92

### Recruitment Committee:

Pam Sclar provided report. We sent a list around the room to make sure we had current information on everyone. Pam challenged every member to bring someone to the next coalition meeting. Nicole stated that we have several parents at the table representing other organizations. However, we need parents at the table representing parents in the community.

### Updates/Announcements:

Everyone had the opportunity to share what's going on in their organization.

Next Coalition Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Friday, March 19, 2010. 12 noon – 1:30pm.

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