



Consortium Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

Attendees: Alexandra Sobieski, Amanda Torres, Anne Drake, Becki Fulmer, Becky Zakowski, Beth Temple, Bradley Largent, Brandy Clark, Brenda Matuskiewicz, Brian Mounts, Bunmi Okanlami, Christine Pochert-Ringle, Courtney Marek, Dalila Huerta, Dan Banicki, David Lassen, Denise Peters, Derrick Patty, Derrick Perry, Deslynne Roberts, Diane Hofferbert, Eileen Kalman, Frank Spesia, Gayla Konanz, H.R. Jung, Isaac Hunt, Jana Humphreys, Janet Brooks, Janet Whitfield-Hyduk, Jeff Walker, John Pinter, Jose Alvarez, Joshua Diehl, Kathy Walker, Kecia Blakely, Kent Laudeman, Kimberly Green Reeves, Kimberly Sims, Kristin Tawadros, Maggie Gibney, Margaret Goldsmith, Maribel Sida, Mark Geissler, Marla Godette, Mary Fran Brandenberger, Meadow Smith, Megan Ryan, Melissa Gard, Nancy Michael, Nia Parillo, Nicole Staton, Pam Overmyer, Robin Vida, Sandi Pontius, Sharon McBride, Sharon Szymanski, Theresa Horn, Velshonna Luckey

United Way of SJC: Robust Summer Planning & Back to School Initiative

Velshonna Luckey, Director of Outreach & Partnership Development, shared current planning underway to prepare for the upcoming summer. UW is encouraging organizations throughout the community to host events for children. Also looking to celebrate the work that has been done by youth, schools and families to continue children being academically engaged. U93 and SB VPA will be hosting a summer activity fair. Organizations who are planning to have events and opportunities for youth, parents and families- or who are interested in supporting others who will be having events - are encouraged to complete this survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsv1f8lm_C6UxvJzYTg9vhyCCz5mHkvf8vQ48oNBzd229Owy/viewform

There will also be a focus on back-to-school events and may be an opportunity to adopt schools.

Velshonna can be reached at vluckey@uwsjc.org

Martin Luther King Day Events

Marla Godette shared information on America's First Sunday Supper, which will be held on Sunday January 17 as part of the MLK Day Celebration. Kimberly Green Reeves also shared information about MLK Day events in South Bend. More information about events observing MLK Day are listed in the meeting announcement pages.

St. Joseph County Public Library Updates

Theresa Horn provided an update from SJCP. Round II of the parent survey for those raising youth in SJC is now available; please encourage parents to take the survey, which is at the following link: <http://surveys.librarycustomer.org/s3/6074181?tc=STJOSEPH&tlu=30&ccid=&ct=&hl=&al=&cui=30&email=j.henecke@sjcpl.org>. Additional SJCP updates are shared in the announcements at the end of this document.

SJC Cares Updates

- Outreach committee: Allie Sobieski, **Outreach Chair** has been focusing on connecting with physicians and spearheaded the survey about this that was sent to SJC Cares Consortium members. Have also supported SJC Cares/ Oaklawn in making updates to the SJC Cares

website. All attendees are encouraged to join the networking page:

<https://www.sjccares.org/member-network>

- Dalila Huerta, chair of **Building Resiliency**, provided an update with help from Velshonna Luckey. Velshonna shared that over 500 staff appreciation bags were given to youth working staff in mid-December, and volunteer appreciation bags were also given out. Dalila shared that the committee is currently focusing on an Intentional Acts of Kindness campaign. All attendees are encouraged to participate- more information will be coming soon. The campaign launches in February with 'Showing Gratitude' month.
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** Chair H.R. Jung reported that the committee will be holding two meetings this month, each to focus on potential projects. One will be looking at a consortium member survey and another will be focused on developing a story telling project for individuals with lived experience accessing services as youth.
- **Coordinator's Update:** Beck Zakowski shared the following:
 - A new Parent Café Advisory committee was formed and met twice in December. The committee planned Café themes for the first six months of 2021, and are planning to offer a Café on the third Friday of each month in 2021.
 - Monthly ACE Interface programs for the general public will now be on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 9 – 11 over Zoom. Register at oaklawn.org
 - SJC Cares has a new calendar feature at [sjccares.org/event](https://www.sjccares.org/event): check it out and all are welcome to share their own youth and family edifying events.
 - The Cross System Review Panel has openings: check it out at <https://www.sjccares.org/cross-system-review-panel>

Becky also briefly shared results from the consortium survey about what physicians and pediatricians should know about youth mental health.

Meeting Announcements

- **United Way's Robust Summer Planning and Back to School Initiative Survey:** Please complete to share information about how your organization plans to support youth/ parents this summer: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsv1f8lm_C6UxvJzYTg9vhyCCz5mHkvf8vQ48oNBzd229Oyw/viewform
- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebrations: Chaos or Community – Where do we Go from Here?:**
 - South Bend Heritage will join the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of St. Joseph County, Civil Rights Heritage Center at Indiana University South Bend and Project Impact to present the **35th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**. There will be 2 parts to these virtual events– a morning session, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. and a panel discussion (featuring some SJC Cares members) from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Register to attend here: https://iu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sUJGHp2_TxuUa6mE0zKd2A Only registered guests can attend through Zoom; however the event will also be available on Facebook Live and the recording on YouTube about 24-48 hours after the event.
 - **URC of St. Joe County** is hosting '**Café Style**' **Community Conversations** on Sat, Jan 16, 7-830 p.m. Attendees can pick one topic: racial justice, immigrant welcome, religious diversity and gun

violence. Spanish, Arabic and ASL interpretation/translation on call as needed. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdggDkpGtRhhvBE_IkGVU0IIMnUY1W

- **Marla Godette and Mentoring Moments** present **America's Sunday Supper** January 17 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; more about the event can be found on Eventbrite at this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jrs-americas-sunday-supper-2021-tickets-90520676781>
Information about all of these events can be found on the **PDF booklet that is attached** to this email message
- **St Joseph County Public Library –**
 - **Parent Survey, Round II** – please share this link with anyone raising young people of any age in S.J. County:
<http://surveys.librarycustomer.org/s3/6074181?tc=STJOSEPH&tlu=30&ccid=&ct=&hl=&al=&cui=30&email=j.henecke@sjcpl.org>
 - **Ask-a-Lawyer:** Monday, January 18 (MLK Day), 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Attorneys from the Volunteer Lawyers Network Inc. provide free legal advice to the public on a first come, first served basis. Meet virtually with attorneys over Zoom by visiting Keller Park, LaSalle, River Park, Tuft, or Western branches. More info, call 574-282-4646 and see the attached PDF.
 - **An evening with author Terry McMillan** will be on Monday, February 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.; More information here: <https://sjcpl.libnet.info/event/4729683>;
 - Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z8oBtKQnRmif_ffoMaVlgw
- **The Partnership for Drug-Free St. Joseph County** is sponsoring a **Youth Prevention Video Contest for youth in grades 6th through 12th** (or those ages). We have an application packet with all of the information. The winning video will be made into an ad with WNDU and aired on their station for a couple months. We are going to hopefully have a Red Carpet Event in May for all those who submit and announce the winner. Please contact janetwhitfield.pepsadfc@gmail.com for more info.
- **St. Margaret's House Winter Walk** is going virtual this year. Register at www.stmargarethouse.org. The walk will be 'hosted' from 2-14 to 2-21. Walk anytime during that week and share your information on social media. This has always been a tremendous community event with 500-100 walkers and we are hoping that that will continue. Thank you for "walking a mile in her shoes"
- **Geminus Early Learning Connections** has a new Facebook group featuring community resources, a place for anyone to post upcoming events and/or meetings, or community happenings. Also it will be a place to connect with different businesses and groups from Lake County all the way to Steuben County. If you'd like to join here's the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/408737060150619>
- **The LGBTQ Center is hiring** a full time Program Coordinator for Youth and Family. Job description is here www.thelgbtqcenter.org/employment if you know of someone who would be interested let them know. hr@thelgbtqcenter.org
- **The YMCA of Greater Michiana is leading wellness challenge called RESET.** It concentrates on building self and community wellness. It is free to ANYONE who wants to sign up; please share with your teams at your organizations and your personal groups. Check it out , this will be engaging, free, and supports community wellness and building strength for community: www.ymcagm.org/RESET
- **The Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame** will be holding its annual **Social Concerns Fair** virtually this year on February 9, 4:00-5:30 pm. All fair events will be held via Zoom and facilitated

by ND. If your organization would like to participate, please register at this link by February 4:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlIDQc5_yxcogRP8caMF5TOpD2VOMEDRYgTVG9lqNjt00c_A/viewform?gxids=7628. Questions to David Lassen: dlassen@nd.edu.

- From **St. Joseph Health System/ Smoke Free St. Joe: Courage to Quit Smoking Cessation class** starts on Wednesday, January 20 and meets weekly until March 3. Free to participate. Call 574-335-4699 to register.
- **SJC Cares Updated Website Pages & Info:**
 - Please join the SJC Cares Networking Page by filling out the online form:
<https://www.sjccares.org/member-network>
 - Cross-System Review Panel information/ online sign up or inquiry:
<https://www.sjccares.org/cross-system-review-panel>
 - New Calendar for Events – please send what you'd like us to share:
<https://www.sjccares.org/event>
- **The Michiana Social Justice Coalition is hosting the 5th annual People's Inauguration** Jan. 24, 3-5 PM (virtual). The theme for this year is: Making Michiana a Restorative Community. In addition to a speaker on restorative justice, we will feature breakout groups with local community organizations and RJ practitioners that will focus on ways we can cultivate a restorative approach to our community work. More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/787687588756675/>
- **January Parent Café: Bite-Sized Goals** – January 22, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. over Zoom. Register here: www.sjccares.org/event Please share the social media post attached to this email
- Indiana's Primary Care Psychiatry Foundation presents: *Risks and Resiliencies: Health and Health Care Disparities in Transgender Youth Under Age 25*. The goal of this upcoming virtual conference is to decrease the knowledge gap and increase the understanding with which professionals and non-professionals can enter into therapeutic relationships with transgender youth. For more information and to register, visit <http://primarycarepsychiatry.org/conferences/> There is a fee to attend.
- **Sent this morning from Indiana University, via FSSA:** *I am writing to you to share a paid opportunity for current youth leaders to be part of a national initiative to promote youth well being. We are seeking passionate youth leaders, ages 16-24, who are involved in leadership positions in youth activism, youth- and community-organizing, and grassroots work to join an initiative to advance children's rights in the United States. Every day we are reminded of the challenges that children and youth face to their basic rights. From climate change to gun violence, a children's rights agenda is an important rallying cry for youth movements already seeking to change the world. We are reaching out to tap into this energy by bringing together youth and elder changemakers, activists, leaders and strategic thinkers for a series of meetings around advancing children's' rights in the US. Do YOU know a 16-24 year old youth leader in youth activism, youth- and community-organizing, and grassroots work who would be ready to join us and could be a good fit?*
 - Changemakers would:
 - Participate in three 3-hour virtual design meetings throughout the Spring (January-June 2021)
 - Participate in smaller cross-movement changemakers-only preparatory and debrief meetings before and after each design meeting
 - Receive up to a \$725 stipend
 - Connect, partner and network with key organizational leaders and advocates
 - Contribute their voice to the strategic plan report

Brief applications are due by WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th, at midnight. Link to the application:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnhgVreNiLOO2ykZKOylr5ID61E0Skyd0KI_zfjFCwO4ZLug/viewform