



Welcome and Review – Serena Muhammad

Serena welcomed CAN members and reviewed the RRT Purpose and goals of this meeting. She mentioned that thought we don't do intros at the beginning, all are welcome to login early to greet people informally.

Serena took a moment to say that she never expected systems to be fair to her. She is not surprised by the Breonna Taylor outcome or by any of the injustices that she personally witnesses or experience daily. But that doesn't mean that she is not enraged. She hopes we feel enough anger, grief and disappointment to help us examine our own complicities in these systems and challenge us to think about the last action we effectively took to disrupt or dismantle an affected system. She invited everyone to start, in this meeting, to think of what you as an individual and part of an institution can do to fully engage in anti-racism work.

This relates to our agenda that shows the purpose and goals of the group and meeting. Last week we reconfirmed the purpose of the RRT, which included creating an equitable recovery. COVID is really just laying bare the inequities that have already existed for centuries. As we continue, remember our activists have risked or had their lives taken to get our attention. They've told us loud and clear what is needed and now it is up to us to act.

Serena went over the desired meeting outcomes:

1. RRT Members will articulate the assets their organization contribute around possible campaigns.
2. RRT Members will understand behavioral health needs in Metro East.
3. RRT Members will have an opportunity to get involved in the PPE campaign.

COVID Urgent Prioritization Introduction – Katie Kaufmann

Katie shared appreciation to the CAN members who took the prioritization survey and wanted to make sure there was opportunity for further engagement of active members.

Last time we discussed 4 different criteria for filtering the projects, and ultimately the "COVID urgent" filter is the most significant right now. We specifically want to look at the prioritization category of "COVID urgent" as we think about what we may take on next.

The group took a real-time poll, choose first their top and then second choice of the following 6 issues from previous regional reports (i.e. Ferguson Report, For the Sake of All, Segregation in St. Louis) that have been exacerbated by COVID:

- Ending hunger for children and families
- Enhance education and employer collaboration

- K-12 COVID demands
- Eviction prevention and tenants' rights
- Affordable housing in areas of opportunity and supporting mobility programs
- Coordinate and expand chronic and infectious disease prevention and management

The top four issues identified were:

- 1) Eviction prevention and tenants' rights
- 2) Ending hunger for children and families
- 3) Coordinate and expand chronic and infectious disease prevention and management
- 4) K-12 COVID demands

These are the four that will be discussed in breakout groups today.

Participants changed their names to indicate which breakout room they'd like to be in.

St. Clair County Mental Health Update

Dana Rosenzweig gave an update for St. Clair County with the slide below. They're the ED for SCC's Mental Health Board.

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HISTORY/STRUCTURE	DUTIES/ROLES	FUNDING	COVID-19 RESPONSE
Established by state statute in 1963 under the <i>Community Mental Health Act</i> . St. Clair County passed a referendum in 1968 creating the MHB.	Serves as the Local Mental Health Authority to plan, monitor and fund an array of behavioral health, substance use disorder and intellectual/developmental disability services and programs. MHB can also provide community education and training support.	Currently funds 18 agencies for a total of \$2.15 M in service contracts. Also the recipient of the the Juvenile Redeploy state grant for St. Clair County and subcontracts for \$752,000 for mental services for youth.	Working to insure continued capacity within the system and conducting on-going monitoring of needs. Modified contracts as necessary. Some agencies struggling with filling vacancies. Most are transitioning to some in-person service delivery.
Nine-member board appointed by St. Clair County Board Chairman. Members serve 4-year terms.	The MHB can be the recipient of state, federal and other private grants. Needs assessments and strategic plans are updated annually.	Accepts funding applications from April 1 to May 1 annually. One-time requests for less than \$10,000 can be made throughout the year	Conducting monthly Suicide Prevention (QPR) via Zoom. Established a First Responder and Medical Personnel support line staffed by Disaster MH volunteers.
Law allows for the issuance of property tax that can be levied at a rate not to exceed .15% of County's assessed valuation.	Works to coordinate behavioral health within local criminal justice, school, child welfare, and other social service systems.	Supplements other funding, does not supplant state and federal resources.	Suicide and Drug O/D up. Service volumes still down. Crisis system not overwhelmed. School and congregate settings a challenge.

COVID Urgent Prioritization

The group was split into breakout groups according to the prioritization areas from earlier in the meeting. They were instructed to think about the specific topic and make sure everyone has a

chance to share on two questions: 1. what connection does your organization already have in this space (resources, relationships, activities)? 2. What could RRT add to this space?

After the breakouts, Katie led a debriefing and the facilitator of each room “pitched” their area of prioritization based on their discussion. CAN members were asked to “drop in the chat” the one or two issues they believe RRT should engage with because we could add value (based on our membership skill sets and regional need).

1) Eviction Prevention

- a. We have representation in our group from service providers, the County, and government as well as people on the ground who meet with people at their doorsteps. The need is huge. It’s hard to find landlords who will take people in. There are growing needs for homelessness services. The big challenge is that we are reactive vs proactive – there is so much work we can do collaboratively to work PRE eviction as opposed to post. This is an opportunity to be proactive vs reactive.

2) Ending Hunger

- a. We know that hunger and healthy meals is a huge issue. The partnership of several CAN member organizations will make this sustainable. One idea is to use the current PPE hubs as places where meals could be distributed.

3) Chronic Disease Prevention

- a. Those with the disease are at increased risk of infection and death. 6 months in, a lot are struggling to manage. RRT could connect the dots, especially because we haven’t done this collaboratively well across the river in the past. It’s a real opportunity for the RRT to make those connections so that different partners in both areas could work together.

4) K-12 Learning

- a. There are challenges with virtual learning, mental health, and learning loss. We need to look at the longer term to see how we can address these as we look forward to a year from now. There is also the digital divide and lessons to be learned that carry into the older adult population and the homebound population. This might be a fairly large topic for the RRT to take on.

The tally from the chat showed the following prioritization of the topics according to CAN members:

#1 - Eviction Prevention and Tenants Rights (16 votes)

#2 - Coordinate and Expand Chronic and Infectious Disease Prevention and Management (16 votes)

#3 - Ending Hunger for Children and Families (10 votes)

#4 - K-12 COVID Demands (2 votes)

PPE Campaign – Cristina Garmendia

Cristina asked for people to get engaged in the PPE campaign. Tuesday they will be distributing two tractor trailers of disinfectant wipes from a local company. There are so many opportunities to source donations for supplies within our own community. It’s a huge effort to coordinate everything, there are resources to be used - real estate, labor, money, etc. – and we would like to

be able to advocate at a higher level for those who need more PPE. If any of these areas interests you, in addition to voting on a new campaign you can join PPE.

A poll was initiated to see if members are willing to stay for longer meetings. Based on the responses, we will be moving to at least 75 minute meetings.

Closing Announcements - Serena

We have created orientation videos for the RRT. Grace dropped the link to the YouTube channel in the chat: **<http://bit.ly/RRTOrientation>**

Find information about the census here: <http://bit.ly/ActionCensus>

Meeting adjourned.