



Brooklyn Park ENOUGH Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, July 24 · 6:00 – 7:30pm

Time zone: America/New_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/onk-hpkz-iur>

Or dial: (US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 692 377 297 0570#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/onk-hpkz-iur?pin=6923772970570>

Attendance: Pamela Brown, Lisa Kovacs, Alexandria Garcia-Rodriguez Clay, Ann Heiser Buzzeli, Stephen Taylor-Johnson, Maddie Brasswell, Alli Holstrom, Dan McGinty, David Aylward, Donna Perkins, Issac Colbert, Peyton Reynolds, Jordan Plange, Julie Vanskiver, Mizetta Wilson, Ramocille Johnson, Sam Brown, Sue Vizcarra, Shelley Davenport, Andy Schindling, Pastor Sheryl Menendez, Nicole Burch, Billy Humphrey, Rocio Bolanos, Shawn Ashworth, Lawrence Blevins, Peggy Cruz

1. Welcome (5 Minutes)
2. Review of Needs Assessment (5 Minutes)
3. Neighborhood Action Plan (5 Minutes)
4. Review Recommendations & Adding Strategies - Cradle to Career & Families are Economically Stable (45 hour)

Cradle to Career

- Pastor Billy has a driving school partner we could connect with
- Youth Sports
 - Is it possible to connect with Rec and Parks to support community sports?
 - Brooklyn Park youth do not have access to the same sports opportunities as youth in other areas do - meaning that they do not have the same opportunities to become skilled players
 - Middle schools are beginning to have sports, are the opportunities for elementary school?
 - Ask school system how to connect
 - Multiple hurdles to jump through for youth sports
 - Field availability, becoming certified by Rec and Parks, and referee availability
 - Idea: train older youth to be referees for younger youth games to add more to the pool



- Idea: Have sports in the off seasons to avoid conflict (example: Basketball in fall rather than winter)
- Is there a potential for splash pads instead of pools?
- There is a soccer field on 10th Avenue that is under utilized
- The Athletic Director at BPMS has the schedule for the BPMS fields

Families are Economically Stable

- Idea: The thrift store will soon be moving, that could be a place for services
- Are there opportunities for online training programs for people to access?
 - Technology/internet access becomes a challenge on an individual level
 - Pastor Billy shared an idea to have trainings with online instructors at a location where people can meet to still create community
 - Classes should also be in Spanish, and ESOL classes should be offered
- Housing opportunities:
 - ACDS has programming for mortgage assistance
 - It is online via Teams
 - Is there potential for in person in Brooklyn Park?
 - People struggle with the first time home buyer programs, both qualifying and filling out the application
 - St. Vincent de Paul does transitional housing - suggestion to buy homes in Brooklyn Park for people
 - Idea: Add an incentive to Family Stability clients with the partnership like a HYSA or a CD
- Technology access:
 - Library has technology but is not accessible for everyone
 - The schools also have technology - can they share?

5. Health Department Conversation (15 Minutes)

- Taking feedback about the design on the Chesapeake Arts Center via Google form
- Finalizing date for community paint day for the mural

6. Youth Subcommittee Reminder (5 Minutes)

- Please remind youth to participate

7. General discussion/Other Business (10 Minutes)

- Mental health challenges need to also be included in strategies - there are cultural barriers for parents to accept help



- Ask mental health agency for strategies to address
 - Lisa & Pam will follow up with Pastor Sheryl about what she is seeing in terms of mental health
- Dr. Ashworth/Food 4 Thought Community Outreach Services was awarded the grant to manage the Brooklyn Park Food Pantry
- Pastor Sheryl is hosting a Back to School event at BPMS on August 17 @ 1 pm
- Leadership team will be invited to program planning meetings to join as they are available (Lisa will send out links to meetings)
- Idea: Create action committees for things like addressing youth sports
- How do Blueprint, Community Schools, and ENOUGH work together - set meeting with Shelley
- We should connect with middle school curriculum writers
- Dan would like to join meeting with the beginnings of Youth Entrepreneurship
- Cycle World has been sold at auction to a church
 - Pastor Billy has a relationship with the church
 - Will tell ACDS and AAEDC this