Tuesday, March 3, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Attendance: Hector Colon, Donna Maitland-Ward, Roger Bunker, Shander George, Carla Ladson, Ofc. Robert Wilkins, Angelia Thompson, Tiffany Wright, Kayla Crosby

1. Old Business
   a. Kayla introduced as Youth Action Club representative for the month
   b. Angelia began with MLC and request for funds graduation party
      i. Items requested
         1. Mini Keurig
         2. Gift/Care Baskets
         3. Candy/Treats
         4. Party Supplies
         5. College Items
         6. Gift Cards
      ii. GEMS has requested donations – looking to raise $1000 by April for prom activities
      iii. Hector shared that BHS admin has commented that no parent group has approached the staff regarding Project Graduation
      iv. After Boo Bash, remaining budget is $2241
      v. $500 provided in previous years for BHS project graduation
      vi. Roger requesting what monies have been provided in the past for previous years.
      vii. Carla requested a copy of previous year budget provided to council for review
      viii. Hector suggested we create a mental health program specific to youth
      ix. Utilize previous mental health program as a guide to create a program specific only to youth
         1. Roger discussed some items (primarily “the stigma”) that would be possible to include in the program.
         2. Roger – motion to set aside $500 for mental health program specific to youth only
         3. Table until previous budgets reviewed
x. OFC Wilkins – motion to approve $100 each for MLC and GEMS and $500 for BHS....Seconded by Shonda and approved by a majority of the group

xi. Social and Youth Services will reach out to BHS to discuss funding possible items specific to graduation events

c. Review minutes from February meeting

i. Donna requested questions regarding minutes

ii. Carla motion to approve

iii. Shonda second

iv. Hector and Roger abstained since they were not in attendance

v. February minutes approved by a majority of group

2. New Business

a. Tiffany reviewed monthly report in detail

i. Refer to February monthly report including with the meeting agenda

b. Attendance with the Youth Action Club was discussed with the group and possible ways to curb some the lack of attendance from a majority of the group

c. CAMS group has begun

i. Numbers are including within the monthly report

ii. Well-motivated group and actively participating

d. Police and youth fundraiser has begun and discussed with the group

i. Fundraising details highlighted in the monthly report

e. Open MIC event was on the 27th

i. 6-7 performers

ii. Local DJ from 8-9

iii. Next open mic event on the 3/27 (last Friday of the month)

f. Roger has requested if there is a working relationship with the ABC community group in town

i. Shonda mentioned there is only one event that is coordinated with Social and youth Services

ii. Unaware of any other programs coordinated with the department

g. Carla asked if we are at capacity with Foster Care

i. Not at capacity; currently no families are being denied services

h. Capital Workforce Grant

i. Approved for 25 youth in the summertime (5 with DCF)
i. More clarification requested regarding involved or committed with DCF
ii. Application process must go through the department
iii. Income requirements has been requested

i. Angelia is reviewing staffing and logistics for the program moving forward

3. Announcements
   a. Tiffany - Sex Trafficking Awareness Workshop 4/22 from 6:30 to 8 PM
      i. Grant $s are being used for workshops
   b. Shonda – Family Resource Center having a Diaper Drive at the Capital 10:30 AM
      i. State Representative Bobby Gibson is helping to sponsor the event
      ii. Only requirement is the individual be connected with Bloomfield
   c. Tiffany – Y/E trip for NY trip for Youth Services 4/14
      i. Up to 35 kids involved with the department throughout the year
      ii. Small fee will be collected however intent is to ensure attendance
          (monies will be given back to the students at the end of the trip)
   d. Donna – Activity at First Cathedral on Friday, 3/6
   e. Open to the public
   f. Shonda – Reminder regarding the upcoming census

4. Public Comments-none

    Roger motion to adjourn at 7:16
    Hector seconded motion
    Approved by a majority of the group