

PEACE PROMOTION  
CA ENDOWMENT MOMENTUM TEAM  
MINUTES from February 17, 2010

In the Price Charities conference room, Suite #640, Co-Chairs Dana Brown and Elia Ramirez initiated our momentum team meeting at 5:05 pm

**Introductions**

Having over 45 attendees, they introduced themselves and shared their role in the community resident and/or professional. We reiterated our goal of having more youth, parents, and community members than professionals and graciously appreciated the steadfast support and voice of every attendee on our team.

**Glaring Statistics from the Data Report**

Elia Ramirez read glaring statistics from each of the 5 Outcomes our team is responsible for. The Primary Data section of the Data Report reflects statistics such as;

Outcome 5: Children & their families are safe from violence in their homes and neighborhoods.

- 76.5% worried about drugs in neighborhood
- 75.1% worried about gangs in neighborhood
- 72.8% worried about gangs in schools

Outcome 6: Communities support healthy youth development

- 48.8% feel unsafe in their community
- 41.9% feel unsafe in their homes

Outcome 7: Neighborhood & school environments support health & healthy behaviors

- 62.1% feel child won't graduate high school
- 61.8% worried about children's friends
- 41.4% won't let their children play outside
- 40% participate in After School Programs
- 52% found access to child care low

Outcome 8: Community health improvements are linked to economic development

- 51.2% have no health insurance (Latino community close to 70%)
- 34.8% do not have access to internet
- 20.5% of community is unemployed
- 31.6% of community do not have high school diploma

Outcome 9: Health gaps for boys & young men of color are narrowed

- 49.2% are not satisfied with current medical service
- 70% do not receive regular treatment for their conditions owing to financial reasons or undocumented status
- 6 in 10 juveniles in residential facilities are Latino or African American
- 40% (approx) recidivism for juveniles in juvenile correctional facilities

**How does the data relate to our Momentum Team?**

Dr. Sheila Mitra-Sarkar

Dr. Sarkar presented an engaging, insightful overview of the entire process from inception of the 25 House Meeting leaders creating a safe environment in which community residents could honestly share their concerns and solutions through the extensive completion of the data relating specifically to each of the ten Outcomes.

**How does the data relate to our Momentum Team? (cont'd)**

1,550 community members (30% were youth) responded to surveys and shared their perceptions of both concerns and solutions. Dr. Sarkar educated us with the definitive process of exactly how the data was derived within the 66 page Data Report. Her powerpoint included “low hanging fruit” models, such as the Youth Empowerment Focus recent Empower U! event on 2/13/10. Fifty middle, high, and college females gathered for six hours and engaged in dialog on stereotypes, dreams and what impedes them from their goals, plus enjoyed food and DJ music where they all learned to salsa and Somali dance together. Their goal of breaking down social barriers was achieved through the hard work of three City Heights youth and the financial support of Price Charities with a \$1,000 grant.

Another successful “low hanging fruit” was exemplified in Mr. Brian Black’s class at Crawford High School. Dr. Sarkar and a City Heights youth participated in one of Mr. Black’s class for three weeks by guiding the students in merging poetry and art. Mr. Black shared how he learned so much about his students and observed higher self esteem through their connection to this opportunity.

The imperativeness of reading the Data Report and reviewing the voice of the community is paramount. With our entire Logic Model design being Resident-Driven/Resident-Accountability, they are the “reality” and they have the voice of solutions. We are the only community within California that has the data in this capacity. Our opportunity to be cutting edge in driving forward a true community collaborative is unprecedented.

**Vision Statement**

With input from our team, through consensus, our Vision Statement for Peace Promotion is as follows:

*Resident-Driven/Resident-Accountability, creating a safe community through engaged, informed residents, City Heights has affordable, accessible health care and high quality education for all residents. The entire community’s inclusive human rights practices, youth leadership and empowerment, plus restorative practices are pervasive. Operating with cultural compassion and responsiveness, we have mobilized economic development and our Community Multi-Cultural Resource Centers are the hub of a thriving, vibrant community.*

**What is the priority of the 5 Outcomes relating to our Momentum Team?**

Co-Facilitator Paul Watson

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Defining the process of prioritizing the 5 Outcomes our team is responsible for was articulated by Paul Watson. The Matrix is inclusive of each outcome and the questions applicable to each are as follows:

Where do Primary Solutions Reside?

- Communities
- Regional
- State
- National

What level of effort would it take for the community to achieve this outcome?

- Low
- Medium
- High

Level of Importance

- Low
- Medium
- High

Step 2 of our Logic Model process details answering those questions individually, followed by dialog and reaching consensus within each small group at your table (up to six individuals), sharing your table's consensus on the wall panel depicting the Matrix and finally, reaching consensus as a momentum team following the collective dialog.

An attendee shared how their thought process changed upon viewing the glaring statistics of the community's voice. With their role as a City leader, their perspective on what they felt was imperative was altered once they viewed what the community felt was imperative.

We will begin to process this next step in our Logic Model design in earnest at our next meeting as time did not allow the opportunity to do so.

Thanking everyone for attending, Co-Chairs Elia Ramirez and Dana Brown, confirmed the next Peace Promotion Momentum Team on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. THANK YOU to our childcare provider, Sada Abdella and to Mark Tran for providing Spanish Interpretation equipment.

THANK YOU to Price Charities for their conference room for our meetings and providing free parking for our attendees.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by Co-Chairs Dana Brown and Elia Ramirez.