

## LCASC Youth Summit Meeting Notes

2/20/06

Co-Chairs: Adrienne Johnson & Sharon Sanders-Funnye

Additional LCASC Members: Mary Penich, Katherine Caskey, Pat Garrity

Teens in Attendance: See Directory

The meeting began with introductions and a brief icebreaker. Teens shared some of their reasons for attending and getting involved with the Youth Advisory. These included: A desire to share knowledge, they enjoy planning events and communicating, they possess organizational ability, they enjoy public speaking, graphic design, fundraising, they like to volunteer their time and they have musical talents. Some are members of FBLA, Student council and are considered leaders at their schools and/or organizations.

**Ideation session focused on various types of information that teens would like to have shared or that they might be interested in (for the Youth Summit):**

- Representation of languages (English, Spanish)
- Presentations must address the hearing and speech-impaired
- **College & Career Development**
- **Teen Relationships**
- Healthy Lifestyles/Wellness
- **Service-Learning/Volunteering Opportunities**
- Advocating for younger teens
- Mental health resources for all young people
- **Gang violence prevention**
- **Substance abuse/use (Tobacco, alcohol, drugs)**
- Teen pregnancy/sex/date rape
- **Peer pressure (Bullying, hazing, e-mail attacks) – how do we prevent it? How can teachers/admin staff help students?**
- **Cultural Diversity (Race Relations)**
- **Teen Culture (language)**

\* **Bolded items generated the most interest.**

**Some discussion on Workshops (breakouts at the Summit) and ideas on how the breakouts would be best facilitated:**

- Some sessions should be led by teens with an adult professional or rep from LCASC
- No adult lectures
- Real-life examples (some role modeling; may include those who've experienced issues first-hand, but have had a positive outcome)

**The group agreed that follow-up after the summit is necessary:**

- Smaller groups led by teen leaders from various LCASC Youth Advisory should be responsible for leaving the summit with a mission and objectives to implement at the organizational level
- Follow-ups should include a personal, organizational, and community focus

**Youth Summit Committees Established (going forward):**

**1) Outreach, Marketing, Publicity**

**Pat Garrity. – Subcommittee Leader**

Members: Brittany Price, Tommie Hayes, Annie Hudson

**2) Identification of Workshop Speakers/Facilitators, Logistics, Structure of the day**

**Gretchen Wooldridge – Subcommittee Leader**

Members: Rudy Dell, Annie Hudson, Kiara Cobwell, Jackie Castellanos, Melvin (Nicasa), Rashad Blanchard, Brittany Price

**3) Ambassadors (Peer Guides)**

**Mary Penich – Subcommittee Leader**

Members: Ashley Carnell, Alma Gomez, Alejandra Mendoza, Johnathan Angeles, Rashad Blanchard

**Additional Contact Information for groups that focus on esteem-building, gang violence prevention & awareness, drug use and pregnancy prevention, etc.:**

- GOM – Girls on the Move
- BGCLC SMART Programs - Smart Girls, Street Smart, Smart Moves
- ECHO - Nicasa's In-school youth programming
- H.O.P.E. – Helping Others Protect Esteem

**Next Meeting Date: Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 11:00-2:00 p.m. Pat Garrity to f/u with Warren TS Teen Center for the location.**

**Follow-ups from 2/20/06 Meeting:** Sub-committee Leaders are to meet with their groups and come prepared to 3/18 meeting with:

- Flier for Youth Summit/Communication Plan, Press Release
- Schedule of Workshops w/facilitators and adult professionals (counselors) identified
- Roles/responsibilities of Peer Guides with description