



AFTERSCHOOL COALITION
of Indianapolis

**Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis (ACI)
YMCA – Urban Mission Branch
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2005**

Present: Mauri Briscoe, Carol Burns, Amanda Cullum, Kim Donahue, Cheryl Hall-Russell, Cassandra Howard, Monty Hulse, Ben Johnson, David Klinkose, Gary Pellico, Lisa Ritter-McMahan, D'Andre' Waldron, Ophelia Wellington, Kimberly Weaver

Opening Remarks, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes- Cheryl Hall- Russell

- Cheryl Hall-Russell welcomed ACI members to the Urban Mission YMCA followed by introductions by the ACI Members.
- The September minutes were reviewed and accepted by consensus.

Committee Reports

Business Committee – Tim Fretz

21st Century Application

- Applications are currently not available. The Mayor's Office will assist in soliciting funds.

Search for additional funding, including Homeland Security

- Amanda Cullum will forward the Nomination Form for the National Endowment for Humanities' available funds (\$10,000).
- There are funds currently available in Homeland Security for Afterschool programs.

Capacity/Attendance at existing programs.

- How are existing afterschool programs doing in terms of capacity? Are the programs being fully utilized?
- YMCA is currently averaging 40 students per day.
- What can be shared in ACI that fulfills the needs?
- IPS would not allow providers to come in the schools until ISTEP testing was complete. ISTEP testing delayed the process of providers being able to enter the school for a few weeks after school started.
- ACI thinks sign-up for afterschool programs should be conducted before school during registration.
- One Action Step would be to improve communication with IPS. Monty volunteered to help with this step.

Data Collection

- Could there be a formal evaluation of where the gaps are and what is the explanation for the gaps addressing issues of participation.
- There should be a survey of each site. How do we want to bring the survey together? How are we going to get the survey to the people that need to complete it? Each provider needs to email what their program's capacity, the current gaps, and the current attendance rate. The suggestion was made to utilize the 21st Century Survey.
- The data will be collected so ACI will know how to respond to the issues.
- ACI would like to look at possible things that don't come up in the meetings.

Give kids a place to go, and they'll go places.

- Amanda would like to see something out there for Afterschool Curriculum. ACI could develop a curriculum for afterschool and sell it. The curriculum would be developed for each piece of afterschool.
- Young Audiences has an Art curriculum developed by the Kennedy Center.
- Kimberly Weaver said that Pike Township is developing an Afterschool Curriculum for the Elementary level.
- Some Colleges and Universities are giving Masters Degrees for Afterschool programming.
- There is no curriculum out there in Indy that gives College Credit for Afterschool programming. There is only Certification.
- Funding is being cut and organizations need to be able to train how to implement and run programs.

Forum Discussion: What would you like ACI to be doing for you and your organization?

- If people at the table could collaborate there may be more funding available.
- Networking, developing trust, collaboration, sustainability, and advocacy.
- Determine how ACI could get more interest in Afterschool programs.
- Maggie Daley is doing phenomenal things in Chicago for afterschool programs.
- The Evansville Lights On event had over 4000 people in attendance. Evansville has a group called Big Table that discuss the needs of the School System that has made huge accomplishments in that community.
- David did some advocacy in Washington. He would also like to see ACI work on afterschool programming that addresses teenage violence.
- The group suggested that David attend the Superintendents' meetings to find out what they want.
- Group suggested that a three to five minute PowerPoint or video be developed to show to people of interest that relays the message of ACI.
- Amanda asked that members send pictures of their youth to be included in the piece.
- ACI needs to put more emphasis on Media.

Events/Lights On Committee– Ben Johnson

- Some of the groups in attendance were confused about what to do.
- There were about 4500 people in attendance.
- Next year there will be a better system of counting participants.
- There were plenty of vendors and programs at the table.
- High School students can be utilized more.
- There was plenty of space, but the acoustics were terrible.
- Members suggested that the event take place on PBA day next year, or on a half day.
- Some groups had issues about not being focused on enough, and thought the media focused too much on IPS.

Website–Monty Hulse

- The material is being added to the website.
- The website should be up in about a month.
- David spent time compiling info on member organizations.
- The first layer of the site will be for Afterschool providers.
- The second layer will be for parents and teachers.
- Amada suggested listing an email address for questions and concerns.
- Talks were conducted to decide if there should be a map that when a section of town is highlighted it shows the afterschool program in that area.
- Any info that needs to be added to the website will need to be sent to the person responsible for updating the website's content.

- Kim Donahue stated that there will be links on the website, and she distributed a sheet for members to list useful websites that can be listed, and John Brandon's email address.
- After the websites are submitted they will be categorized.
- The website will contain a tool kit.
- Ben Johnson suggested that there be a message board for members to post news and events.

New Business

- Amanda would like to bring in Coach Carter to speak to all the youth in Marion County especially the males.
- Amanda spoke with Coach Carter, and he would like to come to Indianapolis.
- Amanda said she could guarantee that someone will sponsor Coach Carter. She will do research on how to make the Coach Carter appearance happen.
- Members suggested that if Coach Carter comes he should come in the fall to charge the kids up for the school year.

Next meeting: *January 17, 2006, Location TBD (Decatur Township?)*