SOFTT Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2010
2:15pm @ Champaign Public Library

Attendance: Heidi Gulbrandson, Jonte Rollins, Lolita Dumas, Angela Hassell, Eloris Nash, Cherylanda Trice, Pat McFall, Demetria Candler, Jonneshia DeBerry, Chris Bruns

Greetings and Announcements

a. Introductions/Program/Agency Announcements

Carol Bradford-Urbana Human Rights Relations Council meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month 5:30pm at Urbana City Hall Building. It is a televised meeting with and has a segment on Public Involvement. A SOFTT representative can attend and give information about the organization.

Eloris Nash-ACCESS holds a training for parents and youth advisory board. It begins on 6/16/10 and will run W, TH, F 5p-8p and Sat 10a-5p. There are still slots open, but it will also occur quarterly. The training is being held at Public Health Building on Kenyon Rd contact Ms. Nash, at 390-2813 for additional information.

There was discussion to send Audrey a get well soon card because she has been sick. One will be submitted on behalf of SOFTT.

b. Minutes from last minutes

Minutes were reviewed and proved from the last meeting: Chris Bruns made the motion to approve and Eloris Nash seconded the motion.

Community Voice

DCFS wants to put together a forum/panel/training in each community representing for the PEP. SOFTT wants to do it bigger and have a panel discussion and get community stakeholders on board. DCFS wants to hold a 2-3 hour training, but SOFTT wants more. SOFTT is interested in doing a several hour event where information is given to the community and questions are answered. More so doing a spin-off of the DCFS plans. SOFTT is interested in a SEPT/OCT time frame. Maria Miller will contact SOFTT to figure out when we want to hold the forum and they are all clear that SOFTT wants to develop individualized plans for our community. The last symposium meeting was held May 25, 2010 and there is no updated information available at this time. SOFTT should have an update on 6/30/10 and will be able to give the forum committee information at the 7/12/10 meeting.

The plan is to go through our old community partners, update the list, create a committee for the project and outline exactly what we want to do. It was decided that the Executive Board and the Forum committee should be a part of this new team. Other individuals agreed to help. The next meeting will be 7/12/10 10:30am at the Urbana Field Office. We also plan to meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday

Executive Committee

Discussed that flyers and other information needs to go through the executive board before it gets sent out to the community.

Grassroots Efforts

750 flyers were sent out. We canvassed Southeast Urbana-Prairie Green & Scotts Dale as well as Champaign-Joanne Dorsey, Hedge Rd & Holly Hill. Several community individuals contacted SOFTT action team members. It was a great bonding experience for SOFTT members.

SOFTT considered sharing a table with ACCESS at Champaign/Urbana Days on 8/14/2010.

An idea was given to get shirts so that we are more uniform. Cherylanda will look into shirts @ Game Day Spirit, Online, as well as Project T and report back at the next meeting.

Data Committee-Did not meet/No new information

Marketing Committee has not met/No new information. Jonte will contact individuals on the committee in order to get things up and running