



CEC INTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA: 2020-04-27

Building Partner Representation: Inclusive Communities – Maggie Wood and Molly Welsh; Service Learning Academy – Julie Dierberger (ex-officio); Operation Youth Success - Debora Faga; Urban League of Nebraska – Jeffrey Williams (Co-Chair); Coalition Rx – Carey Pomykata; Omaha Public Library – Jody duRand; Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless – Lisa Vukov; Urban Bird and Nature Alliance – Diana Failla; Metropolitan Omaha Education Consortium – Martha Bruckner; The Wellbeing Partners – Theresa Nelson

CEC Staff: Sara Woods, Robyn Loos, Heike Langdon, Annabelle Abisset

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. New business
 - A. Check-in: How's everyone doing/Org Updates (All)
 - i. Omaha Public Library:
 1. Leaving the CEC at the end of their contract due to COVID-19 implications on the City of Omaha budget. OPL staff will leave the CEC in June and be located in the main OPL branch.
 - ii. Inclusive Communities:
 1. Paused community programming
 2. Lifting voices through social media stories
 3. Seeking support and information from the CEC as to how IC (and organizations in general) can prepare and budget for larger events like Omaha Table Talk (i.e., number of people in the rooms, food, etc.). Shout out about IC and SLA P-16 collaboration for Omaha Table Talk about redlining.
 - iii. Operation Youth Success:
 1. Overall doing well, using zoom to work with different groups with meetings becoming more focused
 - iv. Urban League of Nebraska:
 1. Staff meetings through zoom
 2. Working with parents and students to mitigate stress about not being able to get together, especially from the college aspect. Parents and students are seeking more clarity about the stimulus package.
 3. Dropping off certificates to students (following social distancing guidelines).
 4. Working with students to provide mental health resources during this time.
 5. Working with the team to discuss an organizational task list of what they can continue to do and what they need to let go.
 - v. UNO Service Learning Academy:
 1. Flexibility for community partner needs and vice versa
 2. Continuing to plan for the fall for the possibility of continued remote work
 3. Created a website (<https://www.unomaha.edu/service-learning-academy/covid-19/index.php>), which provides ideas and examples for remote service learning projects.
 - vi. The Wellbeing Partners
 1. Transitioned programs to online format, and now experiencing their highest volume of online webinars hosted during this time.
 2. Launching mental health and anti-stigma campaign – to be announced
 - vii. Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium:

1. Trying to determine the best ways to support public schools at this time, while considering their goals.
- viii. Metropolitan Continuum Care for the Homeless:
 1. Hiring some contractor staff to support needs at this time. Also preparing for what their work environment will look like as they expand and with the experience of a remote environment.
 2. Launched a new initiative called Housing Problem Solving to prevent the inflow into homelessness as a preventative measure for people who are likely going to be homeless very soon. It provides early support for the needs of the community during the COVID-19 crisis. Also exploring how to rapidly get folks who are in the shelter out of the shelters.
- ix. Urban Bird and Nature Alliance:
 1. Major implications as an organization that has a major physical presence. Unable to go through with some major projects due to liability concerns. Hoping to continue these projects when the crisis comes to a close.
- B. A reminder that building partners have access to zoom and online support for needs through the CEC's IT student worker Alex cecit@unomaha.edu
- C. UNO COVID-19 Update (Sara)
 - i. Decisions are being made quickly and any updates or changes that the CEC receives we communicate those immediately. We are working with UNMC and the state to determine how and when we can open the campus up safely.
 1. [Download the recent announcement from the Office of the President sent on 4-24-2020](#)
 - ii. Essential personnel only may end on May 4, with social distancing and remote working still encouraged. Unsure of what that means in terms of CEC meetings and staff presence. We will announce this once we know more.
 - iii. CEC and campus have been fully deep cleaned.
- D. Parking refund and rent (Sara)
 - i. If you pay for your parking through your lease you will not be billed in April.
 - ii. If you pay for your parking through a credit card you will be credited, but when that happens is unknown.
 - iii. We are waiting to see when we return in May and what parking refunds will be made; then we will make adjustments including a partial refund for March.
 - iv. H&K memberships should have been refunded. The CEC is looking for opportunities to support our partners in other ways.
- E. CEC in the Social Distancing age (Sara and Jeffrey): how do we continue to use the building for collaboration, events, etc.? What do you need to be successful?
 - i. Please let us know how the CEC can support you and your organization during this time. For example, technologies to invest in now or for when we return as working and learning structures change. Contact Sara at swoods@unomaha.edu and Heike at halangdon@unomaha.edu.
 1. Suggestions: How to bring people together during this time (what is working in terms of virtual collaborations).
 - a. Look at adding technology for livestreaming and Zoom capacity in larger meeting spaces
 - b. Consider sustainability impacts
 - c. Look at ShareOmaha as a resource and consider similar opportunities
- F. Update on UNO and Community Space Applications (Heike)
 - i. UNO applications were due at the end of March and are being reviewed now – updates to be announced as the process advances.
 - ii. Community applications are due on April 30th – applications will be reviewed and selections announced

III. Old business - New Project Tool – (Robyn)

- A. Requesting other community building partners to help us to pilot this form before we release it as a building-wide requirement. Please reach out to Robyn Loos at rloos@unomaha.edu if you are interested in helping us test this before we make this required.
- B. Recommend completing this as projects are completed or once per semester/quarter/month – however it works best for your organization.

IV. Open Mic: issues, questions, etc.

- A. Attendees suggested that if future meetings are online to reschedule outside of lunchtime
- B. In general, everyone is looking for more clarity about the following areas:
 - i. Exactly how the campus and CEC will reopen and what access to the building looks like (starting May 4)
 - ii. What does cleaning look like
 - iii. Suggestion to have some general guidelines for cleaning if we do return (building partners expressed they were also open to helping keep their areas clean)
 - iv. Mail: BPO staff member needs a letter from the executive director of their organization indicating they are essential personnel

V. Heard around the building - None

VI. Items for the next committee meeting? - None

VII. Announcements and celebration of good stuff

- A. Service Learning Showcase: Tuesday, April 28, and Thursday, April 30
<https://www.unomaha.edu/service-learning-academy/events/sla-showcase.php>
- B. Curious People with Chancellor Gold: (Rescheduled from April 27): Tuesday, June 16 at 2020

Upcoming 2020 Advisory Committee meetings:

- July 27 (Zoom)
- October 26 (Location TBA)

**APPENDIX A:
SUMMARIZED ZOOM CHAT**

- Robyn Loos: Link to Internal Advisory Meeting Agenda: <https://www.unomaha.edu/community-engagement-center/about-the-weitz-cec/internal-advisory-committee.php>
- Jeff – Update of Douglas County Numbers: <https://dogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/21bec056a9a6449abcca89a329868fd6>
- Jeff – Entire United States: <https://www.bing.com/covid/local/unitedstates?form=msntrk>
- Heike Langdon : Lisa, how to people connect with that assistance? Through organizations?
- Julie Dierberger: FYI, here is a link to the SLA COVID-19 response and project examples. <https://www.unomaha.edu/service-learning-academy/covid-19/index.php>
- Lisa Vukov : To find Access Points for Housing Problem Solving, please visit our website www.endhomelessnesstoday.org and go to the Coordinated Entry tab. On there you will find the link for our Access Points flyer.
- Robyn Loos : Please email me at rloos@unomaha.edu if you have possible opportunities for us to promote what you are doing through social media or website.
- Jeff : Having someone there real time to see the person enter the information helps Robyn do technical feedback. [CEC Community Building Partner New Project Form]
- Robyn Loos : Reach out to me via email at rloos@unomaha.edu if you are interested in helping us test this form.
- Jeff : Will current building partners be given gloves and facemasks in case they hold meetings?