



CEC INTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA: 02-28-2024

1. Welcome/Introductions:

- a. What is the number one most important thing your organization does?
- b. What is an opportunity for collaboration with your organization?
 - i. Tech education to marginalized communities. (Tiffany Gamble)
 - ii. If you are in STEM we would love to collaborate. (Tiffany Gamble)
 - iii. Unique to the state and country in mission. (Sarah H ERC)
 - iv. New and renewed mission of organization. (Mary G)
 - v. Areas for collaboration is trainings related to organization (Mary G) Programming collaboration and advocacy for those with disabilities (Mary G)
 - vi. Substance abuse prevention throughout the community. (Carey P)
 - vii. Teaches ESL, partners with more than 14 organizations throughout the community to coordinate training. (John N)
 - viii. Always looking for teaching and tutoring volunteers that help in ESL (John N)
 - ix. Volunteer and Civic Engagement Programs to cocreate campus and community volunteering and civic engagement opportunities. Making sure we get students holistic experiences related to civic engagement. (Toni M)
 - x. Membership with districts/schools throughout the community. PK 20 initiative efforts to create and improve education for all students. (Terry H)
 - xi. Addressing local health challenges and healthy spaces (Sheena K)
 - xii. Survey for community health needs assessment. We are also looking for participants in what makes us campaign. (Claudia)
 - xiii. Giving students the opportunity to leave more aware and who they are when they leave The Collaborative after their internship experience. (Jeffrey S)
 - xiv. A new goal of making sure all the partners in the building have priority to building partners in the CEC. March 4 application open (Jeffrey)
 - xv. All Rights Reserved tournament is coming up and we need judges. (Zedeka and Gina)
 - xvi. Bringing in Youth to the four pillars of their organizations. (Elevate)
 - xvii. Research-driven work, grant making cycles, and advocacy related to state legislation, youth impacting state policy, looking at more technical opportunities and assistance that support youth and their programming.

2. Discussion:

- a. Advisory committee co-chair: Carey
 - i. Co-chair role, term, and future volunteer?
 1. Seeking a new committee co-chair or more involvement from building partners.
 2. Involves meeting with Julie monthly to discuss agenda, course of meeting, and committee to support building partners.
 3. Term length is 3 years for role.
 4. Discuss the possibility of other leadership or sub-committees supporting the internal building advisory committee.
 5. Discuss programming among community partners to help share what you do and create opportunities for collaboration and awareness.
 6. What partners do you want to partner with or see in the CEC?
 7. Discussion:
 - a. Ideas to better intentionally and keep the work rolling after, for example a service

- learning opportunity going from one semester to the next.
 - b. Have we thought about starting a model when students begin at UNO, rather than then doing it at the middle to end of that education career. For example, Goodrich and TLC, or other ways.
 - c. What is the best way to engage students in the beginning of their education to help them get a path but also to connect them with partners in different ways.
- ii. Other opportunities for partners, and what support is needed for people to volunteer?
- b. Programming for next year – Carey
 - i. What presentations could CEC partners facilitate to campus?
 - ii. What campus partners would you like to see present at the CEC?
- c. CEC Engagement – Heike
 - i. How can the CEC increase engagement between partners?
 - ii. How can partners help increase engagement with other CEC organizations?
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. In-person work and collaboration is down roughly 30% - this is very different than what our world was before COVID. How can we increase that engagement?
 2. New partners are still trying to learn who is all here and what they do. Maybe a monthly meeting that gives people the opportunity to get to know each other on an ongoing basis and maybe a quick what do we do. Wednesdays once a week or once a month to just provide a consistent opportunity for partners to get to know each other.
 3. Suggest an informational session about possibly having office space here and keeping that going. A lot of new organizations face finding reasonable space, partnerships etc.
 4. Co-working day with other orgs in the building. Multiple people liked the idea of coworking day. Keeping consistent.
 5. Walkabouts – NWC walkabouts have been helpful. - Could we do signage that helps identify that.
- d. All Hands Meeting agenda - Heike
 - i. What should those meetings entail? What works in other large meetings?
 1. 3 times per year
 2. Hybrid
 3. Purposefully scheduling internal advisory meeting prior to all hands so we can better inform or help partners with information at all hands.
 4. Funders get together previous meeting submission that helped guide needs for organizations. This created better collaboration.
 - a. What is the best way to do this?
 5. Spotlight collaborations (short-term and long-term successes)
 - ii. UNO connection highlights

3. Updates:

- a. Food policy – Julie
 - i. Current options for partners – do not need to use Sodexo for groups meeting in small rooms/non-temp controlled
 - ii. Exemptions & possible non-profit menu - working with UNO Catering on options like the small group menu
- b. Building out our capacity - Julie
 - i. What are the benefits to being in the building? (
 1. SLA access, UNO as hub and access

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3. How is the CEC communicating that we exist? Awareness

- campaign?
 - a. selective application process was a turn-off,
 - b. Hold an Open house that included partner and concurrent events by partners,
 - c. be more inclusive in reaching out, “you’re not too small/it’s affordable”,
 - d. presentation and handouts at Cuppa Jomaha?
 - e. Previous applicants?
 - f. Ask Weitz Foundation, Omaha Community Foundation, NAM and other so about connecting with their participants?
- 4. Need data & research support like STEPS – possibly JJI?
 - ii. What do we all bring to the space?
 - iii. How has it evolved?
 - iv. What do partners want post-covid?
 - v. What should we do next?
- c. Facilities - Jason
 - i. Trash not getting emptied – Facilities short-staffed; large bins cleaned out every day but can only get to the offices once a week. Will get cleaning schedule out to the partners
 - ii. Needs to add vacuuming to the partner suite areas. Jason repairing the existing vacuums and will have one in each suite
 - iii. Pantry expanding to 106 & 100B, expanding services and products. Sodexo partners with the pantry to donate leftovers as well. Looking at having support/training for SNAP & other resource applications
 - iv.