



International Advisory Committee

Friday – February 5, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

The International Advisory Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Microsoft Teams .

Attendants:

Love, Jodie, Siddiqa Ahmed, Darma Satty, Ram, and Zaynah Afada.

Call to Order:

- Siddiqah called the meeting to order by welcoming the attendants and introducing the first item of the meeting agenda.

Donated Fund Update:

- Somebody from the Human Rights will join Sadiggah when taking the money to the YMCA.

will go to offer the assigned amount to the YMCA administration.

- iAC team confirmed the two choices selected by the majority in the last meeting, which dedicates \$500 contribution for IAC elections + \$1000 to the YMCA.

- The team agreed to prioritise the spending for applying the safety measures in the upcoming election, and the remainder amount will go to the YMCA.

- Dr. Love assured that the election process will be secured by electronic name recording that will not allow voters to enter a vote more than once.

Vaccine Processes for Our Communities:

- Mobile Clinic Vaccines: Mayer, and City Council member Marikay Abuzuaiter, are encouraging and supporting vaccination events that will be held at some of the community centers.
- The international community is raising a lot of fears about having. (IAC will connect community centers

Housing Issues

- Two cases: From Ghana Carshop and the place is very (Ghana community people would like to know what tribe to which he belong
- Case From Sudan: This person was taken care of by the community and he is currently at a good position.

Note: Siddiqah stated that the international communities support from their communities and they are usually not as motivated to support a person from another community because they expect that each community is responsible for supporting all the people of that community.

IAC Election

- Request for having the elections in March instead of in April as stated in the flyer: Love explained that more time is needed for making a document to publicize the candidates and circulate that around in the communities to inform the electors of them. Introducing the candidates adequately early on prior to the election day will help speed up the election process on election by eliminating the number of people needing to walk around trying to read information posted in order to find out about the candidates before voting.

Staff General Updates

- Siddiqah reported receiving several questions from the community about unemployment, and explained this concept was covered recently in the Sudan community, but it is needed for all other communities.
- Darma suggested offering the session to all communities in English.

- Siddiqah has a connection for providing sessions for explaining the importance and safety of the vaccines the sessions can be offered to any communities with translation provided for them in their languages.
- Love recommended inviting NC Works to the next IAC Monthly meeting to explain this process for the community.
- Jodie shared information to Siddiqah about the suggested guest speakers for the upcoming IAC monthly meeting (Via Text Message)
- Neighborhood Development request to be included in the IAC Monthly meeting to better inform the international community about opportunities of mortgage assistance before the money is depleted. They would like to share information with all communities as early as possible.



International Advisory Committee

Thursday – February 12, 2021

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

The International Advisory Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Microsoft Teams .

Attendants:

Love, Jodie, Zayna, Darma, Dossie, Adamou, Natasha, Leilanie, Liliana, Katlin, Lizzy, and 4 more attendants.

Call to Order:

- Jodie called the meeting to order; Darma welcomed the attendants and introduced the main purpose of the meeting, and Jodie invited the attendants to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.

Neighborhood Development Department:

-Katlyn from the Neighborhood Development Department Introduced the CARE Act Mortgage Assistance Program provides financial help with Rent and utility payment assistance under CARE ACT the house of representative passed this program for meeting the needs of the community Greensboro. In order to apply, a person can download the application. This program is going to replace the current program for mortgage and utility assistance run by the Greensboro Housing Coalition:

-Question Do applicants need to provide tax forms to apply?

-Kaytlin responds: Tax forms are not a requirement, so applicants don't have to provide them for completing this application.

Katline: The most important key point for eligibility is that situation that led to total/partial income loss has to have occurred due to Covid-19 Impact. so the hardship must be directly or indirectly causing the household income to go 52900 in a year or less.

-Question: Does receiving and income from another program disqualifies a person from receiving this new CARE Act assistance?

Kaytlin: A person must provide documentation, for the other assistance stopping. A person cannot receive from the two programs at the same time. If the documentation provided show the other assistance has stopped the new program will continue to provide this assistance.

Questions: Are there any translation and interpretation services provided:

-Kaytlin: We are able to use the language line for requesting interpretation ,

-Are any applicant prioritised? Simplify the document and income prioritised for receiving the programs assistance if their income has been impacted by the covid/below 50% loss of income, or experiencing unemployment due to the pandemic then you qualify

- There will be a phone line for helping with the application,
- The non-profit organizations usually have their interpretation services.
- Undocumented residents will be provided with more information, but the undocumented
- If the non-profit reapply receives CARES assistance to administer the program and help their clients.
- Unemployed: Bank statements and Self-Certification and Self-assertion to provide if no other documentation is available.
- Adamou: How to approve the person living in a house but their name is not on the lease. Unsure how to prove yet or type of documentation, but they are eligible. More details will be provided about what type of documentation.
- How many months: Allowed for up to 12 months. Unsure, must recertify every three month.
- Application Process is available: on Paper through the GSO Housing Colition for Rent and Housing Assistance. and it is also available online.

- Applications that are pending are processed through Coalition and will be moved to the new program, and previously opened ones will be prioritised and moved to the new program.
- Are the interpretation agents blocked by confidentiality or will the social workers have the ability to help in a direct way? More information will be provided, a window of about 15 days the check will be issued.
- FaithAction ID works, Landlord tax ID is acceptable
- Confidentiality about the application
- The tenant and the LandLord will both be allowed to apply.
- Website for application: Planning to do virtual outreach, translated flyers, and press release, and put in libraries, parking decks, flyers can be put in any other suggested location, Suggested to add Arabic, and French.
- Expired Documents: FaithAction or expired passport, will be processed on a case by case base. if everything is clear, and the information matches up.
- Folks who are in need now, CARS Application, and eligibility, how to do you recommend the person in assistance now to apply, and the non-profit will be able to determine the need, the NON-profit won't have to ask about .
- If a person is not receiving the HOPE program at that month, they qualify to receive it.
- Does: You don't have to be behind in rent, if the income of the household shows that the family doesn't have a financial ability to pay their rent.
- They predicted that mortgage assistance, for the next 5 years, the pandemic will affect this are for a while, it has been interesting.
- What specifics: they don't have any paper documentation, how they have been.
- This conversation will help us, the great thing is the landlord could be, Hours have been reduced, income is now less,
- One adult is working, one parent has to be home, what documentation exists for this type of documentation.

- We are working self-certification is a way
- Guilford County Program, Amount of rent, and how went less works in that same way.
- Guilford County, Provides assistance for those who live outside of the city limits.
- Mid -Late March the Program will be launched.
- If the family decides: Bilingual staff is given permission by the family
- Can the program help someone who: It is always
- Do letters need to be notarized? that is not a requirement.
- If the next meeting is in March, Website, Agency Names, Address, information will be provided in the IAC Monthly Meeting of March.
- In the meantime I will communicate with you.
- IAC Election Update: A place across the street from the Coliseum.
- Translated Vaccin Videos: has been translated in Arabic, Spanish, and swahili

Vaccine Processes for Our Communities:

- Videos about the importance of the vaccine are available in multiple languages in the main languages spoken in our communities.
- The weekly community leaders are continuing on Thursdays and IAC election will take place in Apri.
- Updates received from Katlyin will be shared via email.
- Kaytline will attend the upcoming IAC March meeting for providing answers to the questions, and share information about the agencies that will support the Housing Mortgage assistance programs, and the details about the self-certification process, as well as details related to undocumented residency needed dociment for approval.



International Advisory Committee

Friday – February 26, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

The International Advisory Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Microsoft Teams .

Attendants:

Love, Jodie, Zayna, Darma, Siddigah, Ambe, Ram.

Call to Order:

- Siddigah called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone and introducing the first item in the agenda.

IAC Donated funding to the YMCA:

Love gave suggestions/ideas that will ensure that the funds go serving the international community.

Plan A: WMCA - Making sure that the YMCA will use the fund toward a program that serves the international community in particular.

Plan B: If YMCY cannot provide a program that is solely meant for the international community, the goal is to make sure that the fund goes to a program that serves a need of the international population. The fund can be used for sponsoring opportunities for Youth to join a youth program or workshop. One International youth program is run by Josefus, the director of programs workshops at UNCG. Such as paying for a Poetry Night Program to secure additional seats in the poetry program has more representation for the International community.

Plan-C: Funds can go to the Newcomers School for immigrant and refugee students who need extra support for language proficiency, either for devices, programs, books, etc.

Amber: Agreed and like the idea the funds will go specifically for serving the international community, and she is interested in joining the members who are going to the YMCA for delivering the money to the YMCA administration.

IAC Election Update:

- Siddigah is planning to go to Sudan in June, so she is concerned about missing the last few meetings.

Jodie: Application: is the same standard, the deadline is March 18, and it is also updated in the website, and the candidate forms can be filled out online.

-IAC: Members don't have to attend the 2nd

-Thursday 11, (Optional for the IAC members)

- 18 is IAC, (Mandatory for IAC members)

- Jodie will start circulating the candidate guide shortly after the 18 of March,

- Some changes to this document: We are behind in the marketing, but it can be caught up.

- A map will be provided and added to the IAC facebook,

- Coliseum will be providing tents, tables, and chairs, and we IAC will provide refreshments for volunteers only. Bringing or Serving Food is not allowed,

Jodie will get with one of the IT will be providing I-Pads, but paper ballots will also be reliable.

-Volunteer engagement is a concern, similarly, wiping the devices down is safe, because using the paper ballot has been a reliable way.

- Love: The Options of Using the Tablets; would be safer for reducing the possibility of coming in contact with too many papers that has been in different people hand, if one paper is contaminated in the box, all the papers will carrying the possibility of spreading the covid-19 to those hands the counting.

- Jodie:Survey Monkey could be used. The only concerns will be computer crash, or internet disconnectivity.

-Love: We want to make sure that we mitigate any negative circulation of information in the community, and make sure that the election is safe, fair, and secured..

- Friday 4 days: Are very important for the new team, in order to transfer/share experience with how to overcome challenges.

Plans for the Next Monthly meeting:

-Jodie: Kaitlyn from the Neighborhood Development Department is a guest speaker.

-Sidiggah: NC Works will cover all the topics about unemployment, tax returns, and incentives.

-Jodie: The new CARE Act doesn't require social security.

-Ram: I suggest someone talk about the PPP loan "Payroll Protection Plans" (for people who run businesses).

General Announcement:

- Sidiggah: The homeless brother from Sudan is now working, and he is doing well with his life.
- Darma: Our international community group will be starting a community Center in the beginning of March. The center will provide services such as food assistance programs, learning center for elementary and middle school students, adult English Classes and job training, resume building, and programs for supporting the growing entrepreneurship in our communities.