

IAC Executive Meeting (We are world changers ☐)

Executive leadership meeting link:

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IAC Executive meeting

05/23/2024

Attendance: Fanta, Yayra, Sahar, Nghieng, Laila, Juliet,

Agenda:

- **Debrief on Tuesday's event**
 1. Great turnout and interesting information to learn from Mr. Jeremy Mckinney, Mckinney Immigration
 2. Everyone is asking for round 2
- **World Refugee Day**
 1. Fanta won't be at the event
 2. Formal stage and carry the flags, and prepare for a introduction
 3. Looking for performers
- **IAC statement responding to HB10**
 1. IAC wants to compile a statement to share with our community against the HB10
- **Other partnership updates**
 1. Laila gave a shoutout to United Way's partnership with White Voices Against Racism ...an interactive event having tonight at Union Square at 5:30pm

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/voices-for-change-dismantling-racism-one-policy-at-a-time-tickets-844989746077?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios
 2. Fanta: Very informative event
 3. ReadyReady : NeighborUp
- **Advocacy report: each person provides an update on activities you are involved with.**
- **Next monthly meeting topic**
 1. Executive meeting 4th Thursday of every month
 2. IAC will do a heavy promotion of WRD and skip June monthly meeting
 3. Fanta will create a Doodle to pick a date for IAC to come together and visit our plans
- **HRC Retreat in July 27th**

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Welcome and Check In

Fanta Dorley

Review of minutes

Nghieeng

- **Will email and put up on whatsapp as well**

Review of previous events

- **Resources for Children with Disabilities**
 1. Jodie followed up with the interim of EL at GCS and, and she will keep all posted
 2. Language line was canceled due to a tight budget. Jodie will follow up with GCS staff to understand the reason for the cancellation.
 3. IAC team can advocate for this at the state level
 4. The Superintendent said they will open two centers, where parents can talk to the teachers for their concerns, but have to make appointment first
 5. Analia suggested if there is a way for the city and GCS to collaborate on one language access point. Jodie mentioned this had happened before through 911 call centers, but who is going to pay for it.
- **NC Statewide Working Group**
 1. Smita/Fanta
 2. It was great to be in the room with great mind thinkers, and
 3. Discussion of the creative solutions and partnerships
- **Welcome Interactive**

Smita

 1. A lot of representation from NC, including Yayra from the IAC
 2. Shared the initiative of the GDP to bridge the international communities
 3. Shared about the cultural celebrations within the City of Greensboro, such as the World Refugee Day
- **Greensboro Speaks**

Fanta

 1. Intended to teach city staff of the cultural and humility aspects of learning a new language
 2. Jodie is looking into inviting outsiders if they are interested

Ongoing Initiatives & Partnerships

Women-Only Swim Update

Nghieeng Nay/Yayra

1. Smita is on the talk for a second swim location at Hayes
2. Sadigha is the contact person, but she is busy planning for her annual celebration
3. Smita suggested a divider

World Refugee Day planning

1. Yayra booked for the school Ready for School, Ready for Life

Update on women's yoga group

Smita Sarkar

1. **Yoga is set to start on second week of May**

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- 2. Need someone to volunteer at the Smith Senior Center for Swim, and Nghieng volunteer to coordinate with Sidigha. Nghieng will check with her every week, and visit the center if needed**

Update on check-in with members
IAC Newsletter
Immigration Policy Reform Roundtable

Analia Wells
Fanta/Ana

Upcoming events

HRC & Committee meetings for liaisons
Tuesday May 21st 11-2pm What's happening at the Mexico Border
Faith Action ID:

- 1. Jodie will share an upcoming drive for IAC members to get their ID and have lunch**

The Advisory committee for the hispanic and Latino on May 2nd

Announcements

IAC Monthly Meeting April 18, 2024

Attendees: Jodie, Fanta, Nghieng, Laila, Yatra, Sahar, Women commissioner Marikay, Dr. Jones

Speakers:

Jacqui: EC liaison from school

AGENDA:

Kimberly Leighty, Principal? from Irving Park Elementary

- **Multi-line of support? Core instruction at grade level, collect data to measure learning goals**
- **Parent advocate is important**
- **Call the ELD department...Mrs. Hacket (336)370-8982 located at 134 Franklin Blvd.**
- **Birth certificate in another language will be send to EL department for translation**
- **The last day to register for kindergarten and request for bus transportation is May 31st.**
- **Parents of Guilford County Schools - IEP Support**
- **<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/parent-resources>**

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- Jacqui H. 336.370.8355/ hawkinj@qcsnc.com
- Q: how can we support the parents and schools?
- <https://www.autismsociety-nc.org/>
- Guilford county

IAC Executive meeting March 28, 2024

Attendance: Jodie, Fanta, Laila, Analia, Nghieng, Dr. Love, Sahar, Yayra, Smita, Juliet

****Smita is at the Immigration Leadership Summit in Virgin. The discussion topic is about educating new arrivals on Civic engagement and votings**

Agenda:

Jodie: Sherose reached out to Jodie to use city space for Badminton, and Jodie connected him with Jennifer. There is not an available space right now. Fanta asked if there was any discrimination issue that IAC can support, and Jodie said there was none mentioned but only logistic issues with finding the space and bringing the awareness of the need for the sport.

The Ad Hoc committee (League of Women) is planning for a meeting on either May 8th or May 21th which currently has 2 space options for venues and needs a neutral moderator, speakers, and immigration attorney. Topic discussion is the issues on the Mexican-US border. A planning meeting is April 4, which Jodie had sent out the invitation.

Yayra has people to share their stories with.

Analia has people/professors who can share their stories of their visitation of the border.

Smita will be at the Welcoming Interactive in Dallas, TX to represent the IAC.

Jodie has sent out the registration link for a meeting to talk about accessing resources for refugees/immigrants with the City of Charlotte. There is a virtual option to attend.

[\[City of Charlotte\] New American: Voices Unlocked, Worlds United \(seamlessdocs.com\)](#)

Next planning meeting for WRD is Thursday, April 4 10:30 - 11:30 am.

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Yoga updates: We have interest from Cambodian and Indonesian Communities. Class for Muslim community is on hold due to Ramadan.

Human Trafficking TaskForce: is waiting to hear back from Satta and Smita will get officers to join.

IAC Executive Meeting February

Attendance: Jodie, Smita, Nghieng, Juliet, Laila, Yayra, Dr. Love,

Agenda

Medicaid Expansion:

- **Communities can contact Francisco for outreach opportunities**

Family Services

- Satta wanted to create a task force with IAC
- There's an open talk for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in the upcoming day (will share on IAC group chat)
- League of women voters : concerning the US-Mexico border
 - Fanta, Yatra, and Smita is supposed to be apart of
 - Hosted event quarterly
 - Immigration roundtable/hear stories from people that were affected
 - Will invite IAC to attend around May
- **Smita met with Sadigha about Yoga first class was on 02/14/2024**
 - Ramadan is coming up so Yoga class will be on pause
 - A good space for Community enrichment and meditation
 - Translation is still working in Arabic
 - Mona charges \$70 per class
 - Need to look for another instructor with lower cost (Laila)
- **Smita will start Women only swim at YMCA**
 - **Hoping to start in May**

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- **Satta will share Family services flyers**
 - **February 27th from 6-7pm**
- **Smita will share event from Cone Health**
- **FIND group**
 - **Discussion on closing the detention centers across the US.**

Refugee World Refugee Planning

- Need one representative to join (Laila/Nghieng are interested)
- 1 meeting per month next meeting >>March 7 at 10 am

CNNC research fellow

- Stephanie Booth–speaker
- Foot-print : research to find how to serve the community best
- Hire researchers to lead the project
- Smita will share more information on how IAC members can partner through their connections with refugee communities
- To learn more >> <https://cnnc.uncg.edu/research-fellows/>
- >>><https://cnnc.uncg.edu/research-fellows/current-cnnc-research-fellows/>

April speaker: serving children with disabilities

- Elizabeth?
- The lack of consideration for support/public accommodation for refugee families
- Lived experiences/humanization
- Question: do the communities know that they can request for accommodations/ know their rights? >>Open door GSO
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Medicaid Expansion

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Are immigrants eligible for Medicaid?

- **Emergency Medicaid is available for those who don't eligible for full coverage Medicaid**
- **NC Justice can inform if someone with a certain immigration status is available**

What information do I need to apply?

- **Social Security is not required if other documents is provided**
- **What if you are paying by cash for those with illegal status? Need a letter from the employer, fill out a form with the hours worked and turn it into the DSS worker**
- **Enrollment broker give advices on health plans**
- **Navigators will help with marketplace plans, not Medicaid?**
- **You need to cancel the Marketplace insurance if you are eligible for Medicaid**
- **Isn't it better to have just Medicaid to save on premium?**
- **Senior over 65 years old have Medicare so may not be qualified for Medicaid**
- **NEVER use children as interpreters!!!**

IAC Monthly meeting Friday January 26 2024

Human Trafficking Month

Attendance: Fanta, Smita, Juliet, Satta

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IAC Thursday January 25 2024 from 12:30 -1:30

Attendance: Jodie, Smita, Juliet, Fanta, Nghieng

Attendance and Engagement

- Smita, Nghieng, Juliet, Fanta and I strategized some ways to ensure that IAC accurate meeting reminders and meeting links go out in a timely manner, including:
 - Jodie will continue to send emails and calendar invitations.
 - Nghieng will send WhatsApp meeting reminders at least one day in advance. If she has any questions about meeting time or link, she will check in with Jodie.
 - Nghieng will provide an attendance report for the last 4-5 months. The IAC leadership team will discuss further strategies to promote accountability and engagement from leaders.
 - **Per Chair Fanta Dorley, the next Executive Meeting on February 22 is mandatory for all IAC members.**
- **Human Trafficking Event Tomorrow**
- Please make every effort to attend the Human Trafficking Awareness event tomorrow, Friday, between 2-4 pm. Please see the flyer posted below.
- **Women-Only Swim and Yoga**
- Swim is still happening every other Wednesday at Smith Senior Center. The women-only yoga course at Hayes Taylor is under way, thanks to Smita. It will be an opportunity for women to connect and engage with each other, and to talk about personal and community safety topics like mental health, family and youth, self-defense and more. Siddiga advised to start the yoga program then possibly talk about swimming at the Y.

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- **Yoga at the Y will start on February 14, 2024 at no cost for attendees(CClass can hold 25-30 people, and there will be a 5 minutes presentation on women safety in every class on topics, such as teenage moms, gun safety...)**
- **February 15 Monthly Meeting – Medicaid Expansion**
- **Smita confirmed Francisco Guzman can be the keynote speaker for this event. I will start working on marketing today and have marketing materials ready for distribution very soon.**
- **Newsletter Update**
- **Fanta is working with Analia on this project and will provide an update at the next meeting.**