

CCYVC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

TRENTON ANTI-VIOLENCE COALITION PRESENTATION

Maati Sekmet Ra presented on the Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition and the projects they are working on. This initiative connects to the CCYVC [Trenton Youth Safety Playbook](#) under Objective 3.2: Improve services for families with high-risk factors for youth violence and Objective 4.1: Improve coordination of youth and family services.

To contact the Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition (TAVC), send inquiries to tavc4maati@yahoo.com or queenmaati@yahoo.com 609-503-1996.

THE TRE' DEVON LANE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Regina Thompson-Jenkins gave a presentation on the Tre' Devon Lane Foundation. This initiative connects to the CCYVC [Trenton Youth Safety Playbook](#) under Objective 1.1: Improve youth experience of safety in their neighborhood, Objective 2.1: Increase # of youth engaged in meaningful, positive activities and behaviors, and Objective 4.2: Expand awareness of evidence-based prevention, intervention, enforcement and re-entry practices.

MEMBER SHARE OUT AND UPDATES

- Police use-of-force portal is up. You can test the beta version and give feedback at <https://www.njoag.gov/force/>
- New Jersey State Police is hiring. Online applications accepted until 4/23 at njtrooper.com.
- TESU partnered with the City of Trenton in administering vaccines. If anyone would like to collaborate with TESU, please email achatman@tesu.edu
- April 18 at 2:00 PM - the Serenity Garden on Bellevue Ave hosting the unveiling of the Mother's Dream Quilt of the slain children lost in Trenton.
- June 27th - Regina is speaking at the UMIO Memorial for all the victims lost in Trenton
- LALDEF has COVID vaccine - laldef.org
- Center for Child and Family Achievement, partnered with Latasha Burke, is creating a children's literacy village on June 19 for Trenton's Juneteenth celebration.
- Bridges to Employment is to help foster youth, be able to support themselves and live independently (for youth in foster care or were in foster care, aged 16-24).
- Decriminalizing Drugs in NJ TCNJ Panel Discussion
 - April 22, 2021 - 7:00pm



Capital City Youth Violence Coalition

- Our criminal justice policies towards drug use continue to work as intended by targeting Black and Brown people, families and communities despite their drug use rates being lower than that of Whites. Today 1 in 3 Black men have been in prison, on probation or on parole, primarily due to racially unjust drug laws. This has devastating effects on families and communities.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) denounces a criminal justice approach to what should be a public health issue. This requires a paradigm shift from one of criminalization to decriminalization.
- Join this interdisciplinary group of TCNJ faculty and students to learn more about the benefits of the decriminalization of all drugs.

NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

The next collaboration meeting is in May.

The next CCYVC meeting is in June.

If you have suggestions for presenters for the CCYVC board meetings, email TrentonCCYVC@gmail.com with your ideas.