

**Thriving Communities Collaborative (TCC)
December 2nd Planning Meeting Summary**

Meeting Attendees:

<u>Affiliation/Organization</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
BCHD	Caddi Golia
YES	Patricia Cobb Richardson, Christopher Eames, Sergio Hopkins
Asage	Ros Williams
Fellowship of Lights	Ross Pologe
Echo Resource Development	David Brown
Trauma Informed DC	Lori Chelius
The Living Well	Neeka Nnamdi, Maurissa Stone
	Eugenia Argires
BHSB	Lynn Mumma
Institute for Integrative Health	Brandin Bowden
Center for Urban Families	Wendy Camilla Blackwell
RHB HABC, Inc	Yvonne Slater

Discussion:

Official TCC Collaborative Members / Partners

1. The team identified two steps in designating organizations as official TCC partners:
 - a. Making and signing a commitment to be trauma informed via a covenant or pledge.
 - b. Identifying steps they were taking & where they are in the process of becoming trauma informed.

There were some issues raised around these 2 topics, of particular note:

- There was a desire to measure how organizations were progressing in becoming trauma informed, and so the measurement would need to be taken annually in order to track progress
 - There were concerns around the language “memorandum of understanding” and the legalities associated with it – particularly with umbrella organizations that may be composed of more than one group that they might not necessarily control. As a result we are moving forward with a ‘Covenant’. This language generated less opposition.
2. A preliminary version of both of these tools have been developed for review by the TCC steering committee. These are based on the ACES Connection [asset mapping tool](#), [the TCC current mission and goals](#), the as well as the [MOU used by Tarpon Springs, FL](#):
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 - a. The partner information gathering tool can be accessed [here](#):

<http://www.thrivebmore.org/awesome-surveys/tcc-partner-information-form/>

b. The TCC Partner Covenant working document can be accessed [here](#):

<http://www.thrivebmore.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/THRIVING-COMMUNITIES-COLLABORATIVE-COVENANT-Draft-Document.docx>

Engagement Tools & Expanding the Collaborative to Include Other Sectors

Again, the group was agreeable to holding a networking event, however dates have passed on event suggestions.

Notably, the group would like to target March, 2016 for a major Baltimore event “TRAUMA INFORMED DAY”. The objective would be to hold a VIRTUAL Event which would allow organizations to talk about steps they are taking to become more trauma informed, best practices, etc. People could visit locations as well as learn about them online. Additionally the group would like to hold a march/candlelight vigil on this same day to promote Trauma awareness. Clearly publicity and planning will be key, we may need to push out the event, but the idea is to avoid some of the additional activities happening in the April timeframe. Social media would be the primary tool used to promote the event.

Separately, outside of the meeting an idea to have a Trauma informed “Film Festival” was suggested (similar to one that’s being held in Philly).

Next Meeting:

We had discussed holding a January community meeting with Cure Violence, however, that will need to be postponed.

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for:

When: 10:30AM on Monday, January 11th

Location: Via Conference Call.

Please e-mail info@thrivebmore.org with any comments or corrections. Pending acceptance of these minutes at the next TCC meeting, we will update the TCC Roadmap to Resilience.