

Refugee Advisory Board Meeting
Refugee Education & Training Center

March 28, 2019

Board Member Attendees: Rachel Ashby (in place of Amelia Self), Bhim Sapkota, Brian Redd, Casey Cameron, Fatima Dirie, Kelly Miranda, Natalie El-Diery, Paul Moody, Rick Bouillon, Shu Cheng, Steve Plum, Marti Woolford (in place of Ze Xiao)

Audience

Michael Pekarske, Alexx Goeller, Russell Fillmore, Gerald Brown

Members Excused: Janice Kimball, Hong Vu, Brent Platt, Pamela Atkinson, Martin Bates, Aden Batar, Amelia Self.

Welcome and Introduction: Casey Cameron

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve: Casey requested the motion to approve minutes from September and November Advisory Board Meetings.

- Steve Plum made the motion to approve.
- Second: Fatima Diri second the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Asha: Refugee Annual report is in the back of the binder.

Casey introduced Matt Larson.

Matt introduced himself.

Youth Committee- Superintendent Martin Bates

- Youth refugee career camp. One of the gaps existed is career support group. Granite school district wrote a proposal for youth entering 7 and 8 th grade to have a month long camp
Kelli Meranda: introduce the youth summer camp. The GTI is high school based and it is 5 days a week program. Will meet with teachers and do recruitment there. Based on success this year will expand next year.

English 1010-:

We worked with SLCC, students get credit for it.

Paul trying to help people to get jobs. Help individual understand what career is in the United States and the skills necessary to get a job. We also got humanitarian center. We also try to help people with tuition. We don't know how many people having skills or what kind of training they got or how prepared they are. Need to ask the recipients themselves.

Steve Plum: Refugee are different types and shapes.

Asha: data in report shows data on wages.

Employment:

Employment Conference- Matt

June 1 is employment conference. There are flyers for the two days in the binder.

We want to see providers taking advantage of registering. We eliminated into 200 seats. Saturday June 1 two part. Job fair open to anyone in the community. Then we will have workshops.

There is sponsorship information in the binder if you know anyone.

Casey: introduced Liz Radley

Liz Radley: introduced herself. Been with DWS for 5 months. Very exciting and rewarding job.

World Refugee Day- Alexx Goeller presented on the World Refugee Day event.

- Highlights
- Trying to see if we can get more sponsorships
- We do need some support to solicit more sponsorships.
- Timeline on where we are at.
- All applications will go live Monday.
- Two events in June.
- Saturday, same events.
- Map on the Refugee Day in

RSO Funds- Asha

- In the packet you will find details for our funding in the spreadsheet.

RSO Update-Matt read information in the RSO update section.

Matt: We are excited about job classes. In these classes refugees are also learning the language skills.

The plan is to have more of these job classes.

Matt went through the information in the binder

Gerald: Recruited volunteers.

RSO Update-Michael

- Community:
 - Job classes still going on
 - Two youth interns employed by MX.

- Web development class. Will be our first class. We just had orientation last week. 30 people interested.
- Tech class.
- Sewing class. Geared towards employment. Two got hired. We hope of doing a sewing and English class together.
- Leadership class. We have 25 students.
- Youth core class.
- We had a youth job fair.

Around the table-

- Brian Redd: New Zealand event. We reached out to all agency organizations. We will be working with mosques. We felt very welcomed there.
- Asha: it was great opportunity to be part of community
Increase in terms of hate group. I think it is something that somebody needs to pay attention. I request for a training for refugee groups such as active shooter.
Brian: we do offer active shooter training. You can reach out to us.

Shu: I think it is great the state is responding to these incidents.

Casey: the Governor's response was very quick. Kudos for all of leadership.

Motion to adjourn: Casey Cameron

Adjourned

Next Meeting: June 27th, 2019