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JU4Y Board of Directors Minutes

March 28, 2022 | 5:00PM to 6:30PM

Members of the Board

Adrian Greer, Board President -P
Peter Hidalgo, Vice President – P
Dr. Tina Solórzano, Secretary – A
Kimberly Johnson A
Mario Rodriguez P
Natalie Delgado – P
Claudia Kidmey – A
Derek Torrey – P
Artie Delgado- P
Jose Rivera – P
Aurora Suarez -P
Anthony Cantonese -P
Ron Alexander – A
Sergio Maldonado Aguiniga, Treasurer – Abs.
Victor Lee – Abs
Sarah Watson – Abs.

Staff Present

Eric Vasquez, CEO
Paul Hudak
Ines Vasquez (assists with
translation to Span. and
board min. written
Carlos Barajas
Ashley Cortez
Osahon Obazuaye
Jailene Rodriguez

1. **Call to Order** (Peter Hidalgo, Vice President) – Meeting was called to order by Peter at 5:04 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – (Eric Vasquez) - Eric did roll call. Those Present and Absent are noted above.
3. **Organizational Mission reminder** (Eric Vasquez) – guests above noted were reminded of the organization mission(better students, better people, better leaders). Eric told this story to remind the board of our mission. Within our On-Point program two students had a street altercation one of the students got violent and took weapons to the other students' home Pomona police were contacted. Staff helped navigate with Pomona Pd and family. Confiscated the Weapon, diverted a very horrible situation. Now moving to restorative justice methods.



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4. Opened up for Public Comment (Adrian Greer)

1. Beatriz was talking about how the organization has helped the community, the credible messengers come to the neighborhood and have games for the kids to be outside and have fun and the kids get really excited about having them there. Also, when people need food, clothing, etc. Credible messengers are always there to support in any way possible which has been a great help to them. She also said that she is thankful for the organization because they gave her daughter the opportunity to work as a KEEP Tutor in San Antonio Elementary. It has helped the family because now the daughter has been helping her mom with their financial problems. The organization helps undocumented young adults to work as contractors to provide for themselves and the community.
2. Alberto Jimenez said that when the credible messengers come to the community his kids are really excited to have them there, they had a tie dye shirt activity with the students and were playing football and frisbee. He is appreciative of the organization because his kids get the opportunity to get out of their house and become more interactive with other kids and mentors.

5. Consent Calendar

1. Derek Torry moved to approve of the consent calendar. Jose Rivera second, all approved.

6. Discussion Calendar

1. action item calendar; items that require action and are going to come with a narrative attached, a discussion section attached.

6.1 JU4Y Partnership

1. Middle tree Tutoring Organization that exists in Claremont SubContractor @ Fairplex with the Unaccompanied Minors. Planning to roll out our Pilot KEEP summer program for the first time in partnership with them; Lending resources with people and Finances as well as JU4y, Equal partners roll out into an identified neighborhood in Pomona and serve 30 students to help close the academic learning Gap due to the pandemic.
2. Unity Church; Funded by the County of Los Angeles District 1 to provide Gang intervention, Violence Prevention , and Trauma Prevention.
3. Park West Partnership; ON-Point team serves at park west, they provide social and emotional intervention to the students body.



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4. Youth Build Charter (SGCC); Connect program has been providing services with them and want to strengthen that partnership, and continue to formulate an MOU with them.
5. Derek Tori moved to approve and Peter Hidalgo seconded the motion, all approved

6.2 STAY Program

1. Stay program is able to help youth in foster care, homeless, and clients dealing with addictions from 18 - 24 years old. Approximately 3 months is how long they normally stay, the longest they have stayed would be around 12 months. The program has taken 42 people off the streets of Pomona since the program has started. They also help youth with clothing, self-care support, transportation to and from services, school support, money management training, etc. Also, making sure that all of the clients are cared for such as mental health partners, counseling, therapy, and mentor them.
2. Peter Hidalgo moved to fill Thursday - Monday Full time Staff Member and to extension July 2023 and Jose Rivera second the motion, 8 board members approved, Natalie Delgado abstained.

7. Staff Communication

1. Ashley Cortez started off as a TSC employee worker, hired as a mentor, moved into a coordinator and now is the supervisor of the Connect program. Her goal for Connect is to make sure they get a lot more volunteers, and be able to create relationships that can change the lives of the students as they change her life.
2. Jaylene Rodriguez current coordinator of On-Point but is taking a stretch assignment to be a RESQ supervisor. She wants to bring back home visits, back to the streets making sure that they are building that bridge between different programs.
3. Osahon is the supervisor of KEEP and Sasha was an intern supervisor but now is an assistant supervisor of KEEP. Some goals for KEEP to cut back employee turnover. The main goal is to create a program that is replicable so that we can expand beyond just pomona and serve others at promise communities.
4. Carlos Barajas is a PAC'D supervisor and was a former staff member at the Fairplex of Project Hope, now is full time staff in PAC'D providing services and doing a lot of drug and alcohol classes within the city. An awesome thing that he is doing right now in the program is also trying to get us able to build for drug Medical to increase a funding source for the PAC'D program. It is a division of medical where we can



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build for substance abusers service that they offer and continue to grow the program.

5. Dayna Garrett she is now planning to take over and run all of the TREE program which is training, resourcing, educating, and empowering parents. Goal for TREE is to shift Just Us 4 Youth into a two generation model where we can support our families and support the various urban communities from both angles, not just the youth but also the parents as well.
 6. John Mckeller is the supervisor over at the STAY program
8. **Board Member Communication**
1. Peter Hidalgo stated Board Members are interested in leadership positions in the executive committee and the executive committee is made up of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The idea is that the board will eventually rotate and if you would love to serve in a leadership role and generally the executive committee time portion is not lengthy but sometimes there are urgent administrator matters that we need to provide guidance to our executive director. Opposed to convening the entire board in a very quick way we will convene the executive board with by our by laws we are allowed to do. The idea if for some reason you are interested in the future as we consider reorganization of the board.

Meeting Adjournment at 6:45 PM

Next Board Meeting 7/25/22