

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES

February 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Greg Tourner, Cornelius Wright, David Hummons and Cedric Harris. **Staff:** Craig Brenner, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources.

Approval of Minutes - October 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes - approved 4-0.

Mentoring Partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana: Greg: Bowl for Kids' Sake 2014 will be held at Classic Lanes, located at 1421 N. Willis Drive in Bloomington. Community Bowling Sessions: February 22, February 23, and March 1. IU Bowling Sessions: February 26 and 27 at the IMU Back Alley.

David raised the question about how to increase the number of mentors. Suggestion: reach out to graduate students on IUB campus to collaborate to get more mentors. How do we get more adults to come out to a call out meeting?

Basic Business Skills: Cornelius has a colleague in alumni career counseling who is willing to help out in this area.

Jail Conditions, Criminal Justice System and Expungement: Twice the percentage compared to population size but not quite twice in actual numbers. Public defenders here in Monroe County do better than private attorneys. Maybe we should talk to Guy Loftman about establishing a new baseline on the disproportionality in sentencing and arrests. An invitation will be sent to Guy Loftman to attend the next meeting.

State Representative Judd McMillin was not able to attend a meeting about the expungement law. Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff will be invited to attend the April meeting.

Fundraising: Tabled to next meeting.

Health Screening: The City Health Screening will be on April 12, 2014 from 9:00am - 12:00pm inside City Hall during the Farmer's Market. We'll have several commission members work at the booth: 9:00am - Cornelius, 10:00am Valerie, 11:00am David plus other commission members.

Greg suggested for future consideration: if we get some funding then we could rent the IU health mobile and then take it around to churches to do health screenings on the spot after church services. The mobiles cost about \$400 to rent.

Election of Officers: Suggestion: keep the current officers in place until the election cycle ends again in May 2014.

Follow Up Re. Fair Wages and Civil Rights: Tabled.

Communication with MCCSC About School Climate Issues: Invite the Superintendent and Diane Hanks to the May meeting.

Outstanding Black Leader of Tomorrow Award: High School winner: Gabriel Jones; Adult winner: Landon Jones.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Next meeting is March 12, 2014.