



CYPB Executive Director Report – December 2016	
1	<p><b>Summary/Director Views:</b></p> <p>Happy New Year!            Hope your holidays overflowed with joy and wonder...the wonder of a child’s first look at holiday lights, sights and sounds. The wonder of an adult who can’t figure out how we got here...whether you consider issues around public safety, public health, public education, poverty, prisons, the president-elect, to name just a few in this weak alliteration, there are questions...wonder. So, I bring you back to the work we get to do together, as I expect there are answers that can change things...we’ve got to ask the right questions to the right people and build the right plans with those people to empower them to right the ship and its course direction. I’m reminded of one of my favorite quotes...” Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead said it well and I ask you all to join me in remaking wonder for ourselves and many others by advancing the legislative intent of the New Orleans CYPB in 2017 and beyond.            Onward, KE</p>
2	<p><b>CYPB Happenings/News/Updates:</b></p> <p>During December’s CYPB Meeting, we said farewell to Converge. Hamilton and his team have spent the past 18 months or so taking care to move CYPB forward in every possible way. No small task, yet Converge got it done and now leaves CYPB much better than they found it. Through Hamilton’s leadership and the support of his team, CYPB is well funded, staffed and in a strong go forward position. It’s with great respect and appreciation that I salute Converge and specifically Hamilton, Alvertha and Hilary for the work they’ve done for CYPB.</p> <p>Stay tuned for a more meaningful celebration invitation coming soon. Board Members Todd Battiste and Judge Gray have volunteered to plan an appropriate celebration that includes all the Converge team members. Please extend your appreciations to the Converge team, as their contracted work concluded with CYPB on 12/31/2016 with minor work abbreviations extending into the new year through March 2017.</p>
3	<p><b>Help! How can Board Members help the Executive Director</b> (please reply via email: <a href="mailto:karen@nolacypb.org">karen@nolacypb.org</a>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Show Up.</b> Attendance has sometimes been a challenge in 2016, particularly in achieving a quorum so that votes can be taken and things move forward. There are things that will be put forward in 2017 to help with greater engagement and other voting options, but until those things take root, please attend the board meetings, at least 5 of the 7 scheduled meetings, which is the base requirement/expectation.</li> <li>• <b>Youth/Parent engagement opportunities.</b> Share/connect with current gatherings of youth groups and parent groups where CYPB can request time to speak/share vision for involvement in the CYPB work now and going forward; gather insights/feedback about where/how to best engage.</li> </ul>

4	<p><b>Key Meetings/Relationship Management Work:</b></p> <p>Connecting with key constituent groups is imperative to advancing the relational/collaborative work of CYPB. This work will be ongoing and may vary with intensity pending the need. This month's meetings included:</p> <p><u>Funding Sources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GNOF Vice President, Programs</li> <li>• BCM Program Director, Public Safety</li> </ul> <p><u>Programs/Services/Systems Leadership:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project 18/Transition Age Youth Program/Services</li> <li>• LA Policy Institute for Children – Advocacy/Policy</li> <li>• Louisiana Public Health Institute – Systems Data</li> </ul>				
5	<p><b>Event Invitations Attended:</b></p> <p><b>12/7 – 12/9/16 – Communities of Hope (COH) Convening</b>  Jacksonville, FL  Casey Family Programs</p> <p><b>12/13/16 – Policy Roundtable Discussion</b>  Equity in All Places  Urban League</p> <p><b>12/15/16 – Friends of Raintree Holiday Gathering</b>  Raintree Family Services/TAY</p> <p><b>12/21/16 – Project18 Open House</b>  New location for innovative TAY housing/programming</p>				
6	<p><b>Announcements/Upcoming Meetings to Calendar:</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p><b>Transitioning Foster Youth Task Force Meeting</b>  Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017  3:00pm – 4:30pm  Office of Workforce Development  3400 Tulane Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p><b>CYPB Meeting</b>  Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017  11:30am – 1:00pm  United Way  2515 Canal St.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Juvenile Justice Committee</b>  Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017  11:30am – 1:30pm – Lunch Mtg.  Juvenile Justice Ctr. Training Center  1100 Milton St.</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Finance Committee Meeting – Call In</b>  Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017  10:00am – 11:00am  Call In: (641) 715-0742  Access Code: 849256</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>Transitioning Foster Youth Task Force Meeting</b>  Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017  3:00pm – 4:30pm  Office of Workforce Development  3400 Tulane Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room</p>	<p><b>CYPB Meeting</b>  Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017  11:30am – 1:00pm  United Way  2515 Canal St.</p>	<p><b>Juvenile Justice Committee</b>  Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017  11:30am – 1:30pm – Lunch Mtg.  Juvenile Justice Ctr. Training Center  1100 Milton St.</p>	<p><b>Finance Committee Meeting – Call In</b>  Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017  10:00am – 11:00am  Call In: (641) 715-0742  Access Code: 849256</p>
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