



## CYPB Executive Director Report – March/April 2017

### Summary/Director Views:

Greetings All,

The **planning season** has begun!

Since planning is central to the purpose of the Children & Youth Planning Board, it's time to advance our energy and efforts to develop and deliver THE plan and its related supporting parts and pieces.

While we've struggled with advancing some of the decisions needed to update our operations due to lack of time made available to review said changes (my oops!), and lack of quorum to act on proposals and recommendations...none of that stands in the way of the work we are assembled to do...PLAN and then DO, followed by a review to determine if the implemented plan delivered intended results.

It begins on May 9<sup>th</sup>.... So, let's get started together!

Onward,  
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### CYPB Happenings/News/Updates:

#### CYPB now has an office!

Thanks to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Justice Court/Center, CYPB has been provided office space with all the trimmings! Chief Judge Anderson and our newest board member, Ranord Darensberg, identified the value of increasing the JJ collaboration with CYPB, which resulted in the offer of great space. With gratitude, I have moved in and am making connections rapidly that will absolutely advance the CYPB mission...proximity is a wonderful thing when it works! The CYPB address is:

1100-B Milton Street  
New Orleans, LA 70122  
Attn: Office #303 – CYPB  
Landline: (504) 658-9529

#### CYPB is getting help...Interns + the hiring of a Project Assistant is in process!

A cadre of summer interns will assist in advancing the **Community Resource Mapping** project, in partnership with NORDC's Youth Programs Leadership and their engaged youth. Learn more about this project, its strategic use for CYPB and how it will undergird our continued planning process and practice during the 5/9 CYPB meeting.

The Project Assistant hiring process is underway and should be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>. An update on the purpose, process and status will be provided at the 5/9 CYPB meeting.

Excited to get the help needed to move the work forward faster...more about the full work plan at the 5/9 CYPB meeting.

### **CYPB has a documented message!**

Thrilled to share the 2015/16 year-end report that defines CYPB and informs of work you all have done to date. This is an essential tool that will prove useful to introduce CYPB to key potential funders and/or collaborating partners. It also allows CYPB to reach out to relevant political champions to advance their knowledge and support, making room for targeted follow-up that develops and curates the connection. The report is available on our website at [www.nolacypb.org](http://www.nolacypb.org), see the about tab drop down menu.

**BIG THANKS** for the generosity of **Todd Battiste/United Way**, who produced the hard copies of the report. These copies will be available for members at the May 9<sup>th</sup> CYPB meeting. Many thanks to Todd for his continuous support and generosity extended to CYPB through his active membership and leadership!

### **CYPB website!**

Yes, it's true...CYPB continues building its functioning website...adding, editing and updating continuously! Once bylaw amendments are approved, the External Affairs Committee will have the opportunity to take on the site and refine its content, design and optimize its reach, in partnership with the contracted web designer. That committee will also work on extending the CYPB footprint in other social media arenas.

[www.nolacypb.org](http://www.nolacypb.org)

### **Help! How can Board Members help the Executive Director:**

- **Print.** Please print out and bring your materials for the board meetings. This will save time and resources for CYPB. Several copies will be available at the meetings for the public, but copies will no longer be produced for all board members.
- **Show Up.** **Note the changes of meeting location, dates and times.** There are things that will be put forward in 2017 that CYPB can't advance without you. Please attend the board meetings, at least 5 of the 7 scheduled meetings, which is the base attendance requirement/expectation for board members. Refer to the 2017 CYPB Meeting Schedule for latest details and logistics.
- **Youth/Parent engagement opportunities.** Connect me with or get me on the agenda of youth or parent group meetings that you have access to, as I'd like to share the CYPB purpose, direction and invite their participation, where appropriate.

### **Announcements/Upcoming Meetings to Calendar:**

#### **Next CYPB Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
5:30pm – 7:00pm  
Edgar P. Harney School  
2503 Willow Street  
New Orleans, LA 70113

#### **Planning/Strategy Retreats:**

Stay tuned...more details to come and new dates are identified