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Welcome/Roundtable Introductions

- Dana welcomed the group to the September RLA Council, which is a Special COVID-19 Impacts Meeting. Attendees introduced themselves sharing their name, organization, connection to the RLA and communities served.
- Dana provided a brief history/overview of the RLA.

Presentations: Voter Activation (NALEO, BAPAC)

Description: The COVID-19 pandemic has already struck an electoral system already plagued by entrenched inequities that has made it more difficult for members of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other marginalized communities to exercise their voting rights. Our guests will provide education on voting opportunities (e.g. registration, etc.) and will discuss issues affecting marginalized communities.

- Blanca Romero is the Regional Census Campaign Manager NALEO Education Fund. She shared information on her work supporting the upcoming election.
  - Blanca shared some of the new considerations for this year’s election due to COVID-19. Once concern is that the pandemic will distract voters due to health and economic status.
  - Registering to vote is more difficult this year as there are closures to voting sites and fewer outreach opportunities to communities.
  - There is an increased emphasis on vote-by-mail, which may make it more difficult for in-person voting.
  - Barriers and confusion may arise due to significant changes to voting procedures and polling place operations.
  - Increased reliance on mobile communications may lead to an increase in misinformation. It was asked that the RLA community leaders to inform their members.
  - Blanca shared the eligibility to vote criteria and voter protections.
  - Individuals are asked to vote early and not to wait until November 3rd. Provisional ballots are also available on election day if one did not register to vote in advance.
  - Resources were shared are available one the NALEO website and a copy of the presentation slides.
  - Election Protection Hotlines are national hotlines to provide voters with critical election info, resolve issues, and document irregularities. NALEO also has attorneys on stand-by to address any issues
  - Contact & more information: https://naleo.org/vote/ and bromero@naleo.org. Longer training is available.

- BAPAC – Ms. Pat Bevelyn of Bethel A.M.E church shared about the “Get the Vote Out Campaign.”
  - There are fewer super polling places in some areas, so voting in-person may be more difficult this year.
  - 10-10-10 Program: calling 10 to register to vote and having those 10 individuals call 10 others. Additionally, do emphasize to not only register to vote, but also get out there and vote too.
  - Sample ballots have sent out, but is also available on the www.sdvote.com website. Additionally, you can visit the site to check if you are a registered voter.
North response to support

Description

Update

Presentations: Emergency & Mental Health Resources (211 San Diego, OPTUM) Harrel/Aston

Description: The COVID-19 pandemic is not only attacking our physical health; it is increasing psychological suffering: grief at the loss of loved ones, shock at the loss of jobs, isolation and restrictions on movement, domestic violence, etc. Hence, the need to hear from representatives of 211 San Diego and the OPTUM, as they share about available emergency resources and the County’s Access and Crisis Line.

- Tanissha Harrel is with 211 and the Community Information Exchange (CIE). 211 is a local information source serving San Diego & Imperial Counties. The information hub connects individuals to public health and social services needs, such as COVID-19. Dial 2-1-1.
  - Tanissha shared 211’s COVID-19 response and trends on community needs (a few top needs listed):
    - Food assistance needs: emergency food, home delivery
    - Public assistance needs: food stamps/SNAP
    - Housing needs: housing related coordinate entry participating agencies, rent, community shelters
    - Material goods: diapers, personal grooming supplies
    - Utility assistance needs: electric service payments, gas service payments
    - Healthcare needs: health support services, health screenings
  - CIE: An ecosystem comprised of multidisciplinary network partners that use a shared language, resource database, and integrated technology platform to deliver enhanced community planning. The value of CIE:
    - Real Time Needs and Response
    - Ever Changing Resource Database
    - Cross Sector Collaboration
    - Infrastructure
    - Movement towards Prevention

  - Telephonic line serves a dual purpose for the 3.3 million residents of San Diego:
    - Access Line –Conduct clinical screenings in order to meet individuals unique behavioral health needs
    - Crisis Line –Provide brief, solution focused crisis intervention, suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention
  - Practice “No wrong door.”
  - The ACL helps people live healthier lives through, clinical screenings, behavioral health referrals, crisis counseling, suicide prevention, intervention and postvention, and afterhours authorizations for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
  - ACL provides Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODC).
  - All ACL staff are mental health professionals with extensive experience. Services can be provided in multiple languages.
  - Average between 6,000-7,000 calls a month. It takes about 11-17 seconds for someone to answer and call handle time is averaged to be 8-10 minutes.
  - ACL provides crisis intervention: seeing more of this because of COVID-19.
  - Thorough screenings over the phone, callers are also getting connected to the community and different resources.

Update(s): Resident Leadership Academies (All Regions, Use CHAT feature) Richardson

Description: RLA practitioners will be asked to share updates on the impacts of COVID to their communities and their projects in response to supporting community members.

North Regions: Education COMPACT (Carolina P. & Carlos L)

- We are currently supporting our community by keeping our RLA groups engaged via zoom.
- Trying to come up with plans on how we can continue doing our projects.
- One example is to have a smoke free policy adopted at Manzanita apartment complex and we now have movement with the property management. Waiting to receive feedback from property management.
In addition we have been working with residents to reduce crime in the community by making more reports in hotspots of the community. 
We have also conducted small community cleanups as well as virtual card making where our Youth RLA are making cards for elderly. 
Our Youth RLA really wants to be a part of a community garden.

East Region: International Rescue Agency (Rashid E.)
- The IRC are currently have new RLA class Sept- Nov/2020 in El Cajon and we have great number of participants.

South: South Bay Community Services/Chula Vista Promise Neighborhoods (Paty L.)
- RLA graduates continue to meet virtually to work on their projects like lighting, adding a Sidewalks on Naples st CV, and Graduation Coach training.
- Also, we are planning on starting our next RLA in Otay Mesa and Imperial Beach next month.
  - Mundo Gardens
  - Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center – National City
  - Imperial Beach RLA
  - South Bay Community Services/Chula Vista Promise Neighborhoods

South: Casa Familiar (Mirna C.)
- Mirna Cruz, with Casa Familiar, Barrio Logan and San Ysidro. We have strived to stay connected virtually with the our RLA cohorts in both communities. It is crucial to continue our engagement with the cohorts through phone call check-ins, WhatsApp messages, and/or Zoom meetings.
- The first cohort in Barrio Logan graduated in July and continue to virtually meet bi-weekly to work on their CIP: Street lighting and signage. They recently had a successful meeting with the City Council Community Representative, Eddie Padilla who provided them with support and guidance.
- We have begun with a second cohort in Barrio Logan where about 46 participants are in attendance. We have adapted and included a mental health training as part of the 15-week RLA training sessions due to the COVID-19 pandemic impacts and the needs we are seeing in our communities. Qualified participants, with all safety measures, have participated in community clean-ups organized by City Councilmember Vivian Moreno's Office.

Central: Urban Collaborative Project (Kathryn S.)
- SE Youth Creative Arts RLA is in its third week of CIP site work, transforming the basketball court at the Boys & Girls club on 68th & Imperial into a beautiful mural, a performance space and a garden space.
- We’re meeting every Thursday 430-7 pm (till it gets too dark), all safety protocols in place. right now still laying the primer coat and working on the mural design. Community members have come out to volunteer with the effort.
- The youth are doing an awesome job! drive by every so often to see the transformation in progress.

Updates / Training Announcements 2:55pm
- CAP/County update (Terri F.)
  - An announcement for a new RFQ (for proposals for a new County contract) from CAP will be coming out shortly for Bicycle, pedestrian and scooter safety education. The program will also include education and support to RLAs working on active transportation projects.
  - Save the date for the Live Well Advance on December 3rd. This will be a free one day conference and is open to all RLA practitioners and all other residents, nonprofits, and other sectors interested. There will be a section of the Connection Hub (virtual lobby) dedicated to RLA, hopefully with several RLA Ted-talk style videos included.
  - Project MOST through RISE SD, for small business training and technical support, will be offering enhanced service to provide County procurement training and support. This will cover topics such as how to write a statement of work, how to use Buynet (the County's procurement system) and other info focused on helping local nonprofits apply for County contracts. As soon as the flier is done for that new program, we’ll send that out to the RLA network. To sign up for their email list, see: https://risesandiego.org/nonprofit-partnerships/
  - For RLA, through the CARES Act funding, there will be additional Council meetings and Supplemental trainings this year focused on topics specific to impacts from COVID and how the community recovers. For RLA, this also means a focus on how the resident leader groups can support their communities during this time. To assist with that, there will be a round of stipends available to RLA practitioners to be focused on COVID specific impacts. That will be in addition to the stipends available similar to last year for new RLAs or CIPs. CHIP will be sharing more info on both of those opportunities in the future.
- NCRC (Brittney O.)
We have been offering workshops and dialogues focused on COVID recovery from the social/community perspective, such as conflicts about mask-wearing and for nonprofits communicating about reopening. We are also offering workshops focused on anti-racism. Those are some needs we are hearing from the community. This is County HHSA-funded through Live Well San Diego Exchange. We are happy to support RLAs and RLA partners with more training or dialogue facilitation (all Virtual on Zoom) contact me at bochira@ncrconline.com.

- CARES Act Funding to focus on COVID impacts for CAP Programs (immediate response and longer term recovery)
- Live Well Advance 12/3
- Next RLA Quarterly Council Meeting – November 25, 2020 (130-3pm)
- Please complete the meeting evaluation (Go to QR code for Meeting Evaluation)

Adjournment

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https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLACMeetingSept