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Black Child Development Institute
ATLANTA

Quarterly Affiliate Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021

Presiding: Dr. Bisa Lewis, President
Minutes by Carol Daniel, Board Secretary

Call to Order: 6:34 PM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Tressie Evans; Tatjyana Elmore seconded - no opposes or abstentions

Opening Activity: Members and guests were greeted. Agenda was shown and discussed. Following the review of the agenda Ms. Shirleta Lawrence, BCDI-Atlanta Director of Programs, engaged participants in a scavenger hunt.

Old Business

- Membership
 - **231** current members; **50** new members since January (2021 Goal: 600)
 - Expired members are urged to renew at <http://members.nbcdi.org/>.
 - Check your status and invite more to join BCDI-Atlanta
- Information was shared from program leaders. Updates were given beginning with information about Annual Advocacy Day at the Capitol with Lunch & Learn held March 16, 2021.
- **Prenatal-3, Delivering on the Promise** and **SB 106**. Delivering on the Promise focuses on decreasing preschool suspensions and expulsions and the provision of wraparound services in education programs.
- **VotER** initiative was reviewed. QR code is given to ensure people are registered and actually vote.
- **Powerful Families** - \$25K in DECAL funding for 2021-2022 was approved to further our 2Gen work via this program.
- **Strength Within** - Health and Well-being professional development on trauma informed care. Provides information on families experiencing trauma.
 - Tier 1: Inaugural Strength Within Summit to be held on April 29 @ 9 AM-4 PM.
 - Tier 2: Online PD course will be offered. It is self-paced.
 - Tier 3: Strength Within Mini-mester. Three tracks will be introduced at the Summit including: Educators, Parents and Families, Collective Trauma,

Healing & Emotional Development, and Organizational Leadership and Community Development

- **Lifted Voices** - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion project has three tiers.
 - Tier 1: Culturally Responsive ECE Summit that occurred in Feb
 - Tier 2: Virtual Learning Series on diversity, equity and inclusion; look for dates in the future and affordable pricing.
 - Dr. Debra R. Sullivan will present Cultivating the Genius of Black Children. She will offer a five-part online educational series for BCDI-Atlanta. Registration is online and free for members.
 - Tier 3: Fellowship Program is designed to make a significant impact with the program. Chosen individuals will go through in depth training and then use information to revise policy and write papers, etc. Five individuals were named as the inaugural fellows.

- **Read to Succeed**- waiting on approval for 2021 grant proposal approval by NBCDI. More funding is available. Application to Mayor's Summer Reading program is pending as well. Upon approval for all funding a literacy launch event will happen.
- Resource Collection is on the website on each program page located at the bottom of each page

New Business

- **Staff Updates** – BCDI-Atlanta has five new staff hired during the first quarter of this year. Each was introduced. 11 staff are on the team and working regularly.
- **Get Informed Breakout Booms- What's the 411?**
 - Breakout rooms were created into breakout rooms to discuss Membership Matters, Can You Do Haiku? Name that Program and Community Actions. Each room discussed ideas of how to involve BCDI more in the community. At completion of all breakout rooms winners were recognized for having most information related to each topic.

Closing

- Remaining 2021 Quarterly Affiliate Meeting Dates
 - July 13, October 19-Annual Business 5:00-6:00
 - National Black Child Development Week- June 7-11, 2021
 - BCDI-Atlanta Policy Briefing October 26, 2021

- Visit the BCDI-Atlanta calendar of upcoming events.
 - NBCDI 50th Anniversary Conference—awaiting decision on virtual or face to face
 - BCDI-Atlanta 40th Anniversary Gala - Formal Event: December 4, 2021
 - Reviewed Ways to Give to BCDI-Atlanta
 - Reminded all to check membership status

Meeting adjourned: 8:06 PM

Attendees:

Dr. Bisa Lewis
Dr Daphne Dubrow
Yeme Thomas
Shirleta Lawrence
Tressie Evans
Tamara Olagbegi
Samantha Cole
Ora Maria Marshall
Jwana Washington
Ava Cooper-Cadres
Tatijana Elmore
Carol Daniel
Sharon Hudgins Beck
Laura White
Dr Victoria Long Coleman
Glenda Davis Canteen
George Cole
Lemell Cobs
Britne McDuffie
Debbie Hillman
Ella Rogers
Lakeisha McClendon
Felecia Moon
Anquanette Herndon
Michelle Dole
Angela Wilson