

**Central Texas African American Family Support Conference
Program Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Time: 10am -12pm

Location: Travis County / 502 East Highland Blvd / Across from ACC at Highland Mall / in front of Habitat Suites / Middle row of buildings / Door #: 502 106B

In-Person: Lady Jane Acquah, Shannon Carr, Mallinee Diggs, Sonya Hosey, Felicia Mason-Edwards, and Lisa Quinn

On Phone: Stephany Bryan, Vicky Coffee, D'Shaunn Dixon, Robin Peyson, and Willie Williams

- 1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:** Shannon Carr opened the meeting and advised the location will alternate between the Travis County and Integral Care locations. Members introduced themselves.
- 2. Follow-up from Previous Meeting:** Ellen Richards was thanked for providing minutes from the July meeting. Follow-up items were reviewed. The idea of incorporating community elders and committee members with a long history of participation was discussed. [Marietta Noel and ad hoc committee will present ideas for utilizing 'old guard' members in the conference program, including possible videos of those who are not able to attend in person.](#)
- 3. Keynote Speakers update:** King Davis and Altha Stewart will both be presenters at the conference. [Shannon Carr and Willie Williams will reach out to both speakers to confirm details for their speeches. Integral Care will follow up with the call to discuss contractual logistics.](#) Final decisions will be made in September. A plenary speaker for the second day is needed. Vicky Coffee reported on The Hogg Foundation's support of the conference and its sponsorship of a conference reception plus the travel accommodations for Drs. Davis and Stewart. The Hogg Foundation will also sponsor several small grants to non-profits focused on African American mental health and wellness in Central Texas. Details are still being defined.
- 4. Call for Papers:** Website page for submitting applications will go live on August 29. [Members will be sent a test link and asked to test. Testing volunteers: Sonya Hosey, Mallinee Diggs, Shannon Carr, Felicia Mason-Edwards, Stephany Bryan and Vicky Carr.](#) CEUs for nursing would be a benefit to the conference. [Shannon Carr will follow up with the Mental Health Planning Partnership regarding offering CEUs at the conference.](#)
- 5. Poster Session Application:** Lady Jane Acquah and Jodie Eldridge are working on simplifying website forms for applying for poster sessions. Poster submissions must fit in with the theme of the conference. [Lady Jane will reach out to the 2019 poster winner Jacqueline Miller regarding presenting a workshop at the upcoming conference.](#)

6. **2020 Program Review:** Jodie Eldridge will reach out to Mayor Adler’s office and the office of Fire Chief Joel Baker to invite to the conference. Lady Jane will contact Ray Hendricks of 8 Parts of Man Project.
 - a. **Keynote Recommendation:** A motivational speaker on the second day to rally the audience with a call to action was discussed. Possible speakers include Pastors AJ Quinton and Gaylon Clark. Ideas for additional speakers include actress Jenifer Lewis (who reduced her fee to \$20k), Ricky Williams, Kirk Franklin, Fred Hammond, and Carl Hunter. Lady Jane Acquah has reached out to Taraji P. Henson through her foundation as a possible speaker. Shannon Carr will investigate Tiffany Haddish’s foundation. Other ideas included someone local to Texas; and charging a nominal fee to hear the speaker without attending the conference. Musical ideas included Riders Against the Storm (RAS) and Saul Paul. Jodie Eldridge will reach out to Chaka from RAS. Members are encouraged to visit the RAS website for additional information: <https://www.rashiphop.com/home>. The possibility of speakers submitting a 60-second video of themselves applauding the conference’s longevity to be played at intervals during the conference was introduced.
 - b. **Program Outline:** Ideas for the morning welcome speakers include: Willie Williams or a City of Austin dignitary. Moment of Silence – something faith-based. Presentation of Colors – possibly from Travis High School (Jodie Eldridge to investigate). Pledge of Allegiance – emcees Vicky Coffee and Kimberly Holiday. Lift Every Voice and Sing – Shannon Carr will contact Sharon Taylor about performing at the conference. Guest Moderator at Legacy Lunch – news media reporters Quita Culpepper or Ashely Goudeau. Entertainment – Touch of Class or a music group. Moment of Silence and Prayer – Lady Jane will ask Reverend Roy Jones. Post-conference reception on Day 1 – possibly at Palmer Event Center. The Hogg Foundation is working on details. Award Luncheon – Shannon Carr will contact Representative Garnet Coleman about attending the conference and a legislative update. Day 2 moderators – possibly former committee members or news reporters. Entertainment ideas: local praise team, dance team, Sugar Williams and a Touch of Class. Workshop presenter idea: Mimi Styles on Early Aware signs for house.
7. **Language on our Website:** Wording will be discussed at the August meeting of the Planning Committee.
8. **Other Discussion Items:** Vicky Coffee and Ellen Richards will participate in a meeting with Calvin Kelly, Ph.D. regarding a local youth conference that may have a tie-in to CTAAFSC.