

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

**Date:** Wednesday November 20, 2019

**Time:** 11:30am -1pm

**Location:** Conference Room 3, 1430 Collier St, Austin, TX 78704

**In Person:** Lady Jane Acquah, Naijean Bernard, Shannon Carr, Sonia Hartman, Emmitt Hayes, Felicia Mason-Edwards, Lisa Quinn, Ellen Richards, Leonor Vargas, Willie Williams, Fabian Wood

**On Phone:** Michele Bibby, Sonya Hosey, Estephania Olivares, Flora Releford, Falecia Rivers, Nell Watts

- 1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:** Members greeted each other.
- 2. Committee Updates**
  - a. Program:** Shannon Carr reported the committee is reviewing submissions and have selected 20 workshops out of the 33 submissions to date. Keynote speaker contracts are being finalized.
  - b. Outreach:** Lady Jane Acquah reported Reverend and Shalonda Horton taped several videos promoting the conference. Lady Jane requested assistance from members in contacting church staff to get conference information on the weekly bulletins. [Members are asked to join the conference's Facebook page and also share the page via their social media contacts.](#)
  - c. Scholarships & Awards:** Lady Jane Acquah reported the deadline for scholarships and award nominations is late December. There are several new applications for each award or scholarship.
  - d. Sustainability & Fundraising:** Emmitt Hayes reported the committee has been reaching out to new contacts and hopes to sell 150 tickets for the pre-conference reception on January 17. [Members are requested to share new ideas for potential attendees or donors.](#) Ellen Richards reported there is \$6,250 left on conference fundraising goal.
- 3. Youth Wellness Symposium Update:** Ellen Richards reported the symposium has been named "Yes to Best: Beyond Emotional Stressors and Trauma". A promotional plan is being developed along with the program for the event.
- 4. Other Business:** Giving a printed copy of the new conference painting to sponsors as a thank you gift was discussed. The Program Committee will discuss CEUs once workshop presenters have been finalized. [Ujima newspaper is doing an article on the conference. Members interested in participating in an interview can contact Lisa Quinn. Shannon Carr will contact Tammy at the Hogg Foundation regarding possible CEUs for peer support specialists.](#)

### **Follow-up Items from November Meeting**

Members are asked to join the conference's Facebook page and also share the page via their social media contacts.

Members are requested to share new ideas for potential attendees or donors with the Fundraising & Sustainability committee.

Members interested in participating in an interview with Ujima newspaper can contact Lisa Quinn.

Shannon Carr will contact Tammy at the Hogg Foundation regarding possible CEUs for peer support specialists.