

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

**Date:** Wednesday, December 18, 2019

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

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

**In Person:** Lady Jane Acquah, Shannon Carr, Mallinee Diggs, Deborah Duncan, Jodie Eldridge, Sonia Hartman, Emmitt Hayes, Kacey Hanson, Kimberly Holiday, Felicia Mason-Edwards, Debra Price, Lisa Quinn, Ellen Richards, Kye Tavernier, Willie Williams, LaDonna Woodley

**On Phone:** Marisol Frey, Ulysses Moore, Annie Powell, Falecia Rivers, Nell Watts

**1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:** Members greeted and welcomed each other. [Members were encouraged to join the conference Facebook group.](#)

**2. Committee Updates**

- a. Program:** Shannon Carr reported workshop selections were made and poster sessions were offered to those individuals who were not selected for workshops. [Committee is working with credentialing bodies to try to offer CEU's for peer support specialists.](#)
- b. Outreach:** Kimberly Holiday reported the radio schedule for KAZI is being set up. All members are welcome to help with interviews. [Suggestions for outreach include: Fort Hood, Trina Ita from HHSC and Integral Care contracted providers.](#)
- c. Scholarships & Awards:** Lady Jane Acquah reported there has been an increase in scholarship and award applicants compared to previous years. Winners will be selected soon.
- d. Sustainability & Fundraising:** Emmitt Hayes reported the committee is still reaching out to potential attendees for the pre-conference reception. To date \$2100 has been raised plus \$500 in gift cards from HEB.

**3. Discussion of Conference Food Menu:** Kye Tavernier and Jodie Eldridge distributed a handout with food options and members made their selections. Information was also listed on website for those not participating in person at the meeting.

**4. Youth Symposium Update:** Ellen Richards reported the committee is working on the program and the website [www.Yes2BestATX.org](http://www.Yes2BestATX.org) is in operation. Committee will meet on a weekly basis until the event on Saturday, February 8.

**5. Budget & Fundraising Update:** Ellen Richards distributed a handout showing conference expenditures and revenues. Fundraising goal is nearing completion.

**6. Other Business**

- **Registration Progress Compared to Last Year's Conference:** A grant from Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities has been received and will help with free registrations for those in need. Lady Jane Acquah can help with those needing assistance.
- **Legacy Panel and Personal Invitation Encouraging Previous Committee Members to Attend:** There may not be space in the program for a panel. Previous committee members will be invited to attend the conference.
- **Le'Andria Johnson Presentation:** Members discussed timeframe for promoting Le'Andria Johnson's attendance at the conference. She'll be sharing her story but not performing a concert although some songs may be included.

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

Members were encouraged to join the conference Facebook group.

Program Committee is working with credentialing bodies to try to offer CEU's for peer support specialists.

Suggestions for outreach include: Fort Hood, Trina Ita from HHSC and Integral Care contracted providers.