

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER
OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
FACET MINUTES & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Health and Human Services

PLANNING MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES: June 11-8:30am to 12:45pm Claudia L. Edwards, Joan Shepherd, Jennifer Lewis, Quay Watkins, Marilyn Price, Dawna Michelle Fields, Mary Graves and Carole Morales

APPRECIATION:

Fabulous Brunch meeting was hosted at the home of Link Claudia. Heartfelt appreciation was shared by all in attendance

ACTIVITY/ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- **Review of the National Strategic Plan and Chapter Plan**
 - Link Marilyn explained how the plan “works” and shared some thoughts on how HHS Facet could align from the national and area perspective. She review how is it best to establish an umbrella program BEFORE programming. We should also look at what the community needs in terms of health and human services to insure we have programming that impacts. Link Claudia suggested that we may need to do a new ‘survey’.
- **Review of current Programming**

Reducing Hunger

HHS Facet Program	Goal	Partner
Reducing Hunger	To increase the awareness of residents of Westchester County about the growing hunger epidemic due to high unemployment coupled with the highest property taxes in the country in addition to those more traditionally associated with food insecurity	Food Bank for Westchester
Activity	Facet Member Assigned	

Hands-On	Re-engaged/define current effort of Re packing of food supplies for distribution to food pantries and programs in underserved communities	Joan and Dawna
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Healthy Smiles

HHS Facet Program	Goal/Priority	Partner
Healthy Smiles	To raise awareness about the importance of children's dental health in Westchester County, New York. Children's dental disease is the single most chronic diseases that affects children and leads to school absence.	Colgate-Palmolive's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program
Activity	Facet Member Assigned	
Schools	Re-engaged Mount Vernon Public Schools	Dawna and Claudia
Schools	Explore opportunities with Greenburgh Central School District	Mary S; New Member possibility?
Community Centers	Lois Bronz Center	Joan
Festivals/Events	Tuckahoe Day - August 13, 2016	Dawna

Health Awareness

HHS Facet Program	Goal	Partner
Health Awareness	Supporting "Building a Healthy Legacy: Our Prescription for the Future"; It is when we are in good health that we can truly nurture the personal and professional relationships in our lives. It is when we are in good health that our service to others can achieve transformative results. It is when we are in good health that we can write our own future."	

	Activity	Facet Member Assigned
Health Buddies	Identify some "force-engagement" opportunities for chapter members to support HALO "Help a Link Out": 1. Halo Moment where members can connect before/after meeting for a private conversation with their buddy 2. Facet Challenge- based upon weight watchers how much a facet win/lose lbs, etc.	Dawna, Quay, Jennifer, Joan
HHS Facet Newsletter	Internal Chapter Communication to highlight HHS Activity (supporting Eastern Area Request) and to share important information on health Awareness initiatives: Donor Sabbath, HeartLink-Wear red, Breast Cancer awareness, Dental health etc.	Dawna
Get Moving- Breast Cancer Awareness	ZUMBA Classes (July, August to September) to support fight against breast cancer-\$20 per person	Jennifer and Joan
Get Moving - Breast Cancer Awareness	October Breast Cancer Walk October 16 - Manhattanville College, 8:00am. Facet will make Team Donation of \$500	Jennifer and Joan

Partnerships

HHS Facet Program	Goal	Partner
Partnerships	To address inquiries as to who HHS partners with, how it aligns with initiatives, how it works and establishing a MOU	Various
	Activity	Facet Member Assigned
Girl Success	Sister to Sister International- Pending - to Partner or not on Black Women & the Girl-Child Empowerment Conference	Claudia
Girl Success - Mental health	Boys and Girls Clubs of New Rochelle - SMART Girl Initiative. Pending - to partner or not	Quay
Girl Success - Mental health	Girls Inc. Possible partnership-	Dawna
Reducing Hunger	Junior League of Bronxville	Dawna

- **Friendship Through Service**

- Discussion on how we can bond closer as sisters and facet members and be transparent in all communications. Sticking to the strategic plan and having clearly defined MOUs will help facet to align in all matters. Fun and bonding activities for the facet members (which could extend to chapter) included:
 - French immersions classes
 - Cooking Class
 - Paint Night
- **Next meeting**
TBD – Planning Meeting -End of July/Top of August

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

HHS Announcement at June Meeting for Zumba Sign-up, Dental Van sign-up and October Breast Cancer Walk.

MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER:

None

Submitted by: Claudia Edwards and Dawna Michelle Fields

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