

CHECK-IN REPORT TO COUNTY MANAGER

Month of December 2020

1. Key Accomplishments and Progress from last month

- RECERT community contractors (Cultural Community Connectors, Community Conversations, Trusted Messengers) continue to deliver COVID-19 related information, resources and services to their respective communities. These contracts are through December 30, 2020.
- EAC continues to meet weekly but will start meeting biweekly starting January 2021.
- EAC Community Committees continue to meet with their respective members as well as with Ramsey County Department leaders to discuss the recommendations and how to move forward.
- Evaluation of EAC and RECERT work is in progress.
- Ramsey County Employee - Legislative Engagement 101 Town Hall was conducted via Zoom on Dec 7th.
- Ramsey County Community Legislative Engagement 101 Town Hall was conducted via Zoom on Dec 9th.
- Launched CARES Early Childhood Education Project to provide 1,300 children ages 0-5 with a \$300 voucher to Lakeshore Learning to support early childhood education.
 - In one week, we received applications from over 2,700 parents or caregivers requesting learning vouchers and have issued 450 vouchers as of Dec 11th.
- EAC submitted letter of support for Upward Mobility Cohort grant that Ramsey County is applying for through Urban Institute.
- EAC met with NEOO Powers to provide EAC feedback on Economic Inclusion Plan.
- Mask distribution continues through USPS to individuals and families. Deliveries and pick-up continue with BIPOC small businesses and community groups.

2. Identified Challenges and/or Areas of Needed Support

- Long time and delayed processing for issuing payments to community.
- Reaching out to communities that have been and continue to be disengaged and marginalized.

3. Focus Areas of work for upcoming month

RECERT

- In December we will be completing our 2nd round of Trusted Messenger funding contracts.
- RECERT leaders met with RC Executive Team regarding RECERT update and EAC priority areas.
- RECERT and EAC Workshop on Dec 17th with Senior Management Team to provide a RECERT update and share EAC priority areas and next steps.
- RHEAs continue to work on county-wide racial equity framework and theory of change.

EAC- Family Youth

- Met with Jennifer (HWAD Director) regarding the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) that was awarded to Ramsey County. The Family and Youth Committee wrote a letter of support for this grant.

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EAC - Healthcare

- Met with Communications Department including John, Allison, and Chris to learn about Communications and discuss recommendations regarding myth busting media campaign, messaging in multiple languages.

EAC - Housing

- Committee met with director of Financial Assistance Services, Tina Curry, who gave updates about the CARES Landlord Assistance Program.

EAC – Policy and Practices

- No new updates from this committee. Committee members are working to establish a meeting cadence for 2021.

EAC – Workforce

- Committee met to discuss noncompetitive hiring process for people with disability recommendation and look forward to hearing more about how the county will advance this recommendation in 2021.

4. Other Key Team Updates

- RECERT is seeking resources (staffing) for administrative support and mask coordination.

County Manager Comments