

Safe Takoma

Report, April 2009

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Funds Expended

Washington DC, prior expenditures: \$39,641.98
Washington DC, current month expenditures: \$3,455.05
Washington DC, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities): \$24.00

Takoma Park MD, prior expenditures: \$35,141.93
Takoma Park MD, current month expenditures: \$3,455.04
Takoma Park MD, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities): \$16.00

Funding Balances (April 2009)

Washington DC funding balance: \$31,878.97
Takoma Park MD funding balance: \$36,387.03

Status

The Safe Takoma program undertook the following organizational and programming steps in April 2009.

- Board meeting held April 2.
- STI Advisory meeting held on Sunday April 5th. Christopher King and board members were in attendance.
- Seth Grimes and Faith Wheeler attended the hearing to request continued DC funding on 4/1/09.
- Continued attendance and participation in CTC Ward 4 Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Coolidge Truancy Task Force.
- Programming:

Neighborhood Safety – Discussed support for new safety patrols in Takoma Park's SS Carroll neighborhood with Laurie Kelly and Kay Daniels-Cohen.

Safe Silver Spring – crime summit – Handled finances as a 501(c)(3) pass-through for in support of the Silver Spring crime summit.

Conflict Resolution Training – due to a lack of registrations received, the sessions were cancelled to be possibly rescheduled for July.

Pre-Apprenticeship – sessions continued however participants in attendance have reduced to 10. Participants were reminded of the mandatory drug test to be conducted prior to start of pre-apprenticeship program. Since then attendance dropped. The Get Ready to Work program ended and logistical

preparations are being made. We Care Physicals have been contracted to conduct the drug tests. Transportation has been arranged. The TP Seventh Day Adventist Church has agreed to provide us with a bus and driver to transport participants to the Carpentry school. Christopher King will be accompanying the youth to the Carpentry school 3 days a week for the first few weeks.

Whistle Giveaway – held on Tuesday 4/7/09 at the Takoma metro station. 150 completed sign ups were received and entered into the database.

- Meetings attended:
 - Met with Tashia Chambers from CSOSA on 4/21/09. They would like for us to serve as a provider, offering programming to their offenders. Their interests include the Get Ready to Work and Conflict Resolution programs. Seth was provided with the agreement to sign and fax back to her should the board feel that it is something of interest.
- Other:
 - Due to personal issues, Ronnie Miller current Operations Manager, has resigned from her position effective May 15, 2009. However, she will continue providing programming services at an hourly rate.

May 2009 Plans

- Coordinate and hold monthly board meeting.
- Close Safe Takoma office.
- Follow-up contact with people who signed up for whistles at the April 7 event.
- Conduct Get Ready to Work (pre-apprenticeship training) program. Christopher King will coordinate.
- Plan next Try Peace (conflict resolution) programming, to be conducted by Kathryn Liss.
- Distribute public safety fliers to be provided by the Takoma Park Police Department.
- Research interest to hold another Employment Readiness training program and coordinate as necessary. So far 10 past attendees have expressed an interest in returning. Also returned messages of others who have children or clients interested, for a total of 14.
- Continue outreach efforts.
- Work on board member recruiting.
- Carry out regular planning, administrative, and reporting tasks.