

MBK-Madison Quarterly Report June 1, 2016

In May 2016, the Urban League of Greater Madison entered into a Letter of Agreement with writer (Amos Anderson) to develop a plan that manages and implements the Madison, Wisconsin My Brother's Keeper challenge as identified by the My Brother's Keeper Madison Team. The MBK Madison Team challenge has two identified goals: 1) ensuring all boys and young men of color graduate from high school; and 2) ensuring all boys and young men of color are safe from violent crime and receive second chances. The main strategies in addressing the respective goals are community schools and restorative justice. In achieving the goals, the entire community must be involved and own the plan in order to accomplish the desired outcomes. Working collaboratively with community organizations will do this. The overarching strategy of the project is to construct a comprehensive blueprint for allocating efforts and resources to create policies and programs designed to improve the Life chances for boys and young men of color in the Madison area. The blueprint will align resources, leverage additional commitments, encourage investment, and nurture partnerships to help the community reach My Brother's Keeper goals.

During the month of May 2016, AMOS was on two MBK Conference calls and also met with the following community organizations to better understand the mission and operations: the Madison Metropolitan School District; Dane County Community Restorative Court; 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc.; Madison Boule'; and several community schools. In addition, AMOS also attended the Restorative Justice Accountability and Community Engagement session sponsored by MOSES (Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality and Solidarity), which involved a panel discussion.

The panel included the following people.

Jonathan Scharrer, Director, Restorative Justice Project, Frank J. Remington Center, UW-Madison Law School-The philosophy and practice of Restorative Justice in Wisconsin.

Ron Johnson, Coordinator, Dane County Community Restorative Court—A Restorative Justice alternative for 17- to 25-year-olds with a misdemeanor violation.

David Raasch, member and former Chief Judge of Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation– The Native American spiritual roots of Restorative Justice

Ismael Ozanne, Dane County District Attorney-Local Law enforcement support for the Dane County Restorative Court.

Shelia Stubbs, Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 23–Dane County Board support for Restorative courts.

Joan Duerst OP, Chair of MOSES Religious Leaders Caucus moderated the event.

Here's a brief summary of the meetings with the community schools and organizations:

Madison Community School-where the overall objective is to integrate programming and services that students, families, and community members feel is needed such as health care, academic tutoring, mentoring, food access and parent leadership opportunities (to name a few) directly into schools making them a hub of coordinated support. The two community school sites are Leopold and Mendota.

Leopold Elementary Community School-Resource Coordinator, Samantha "Sami" Clausen-Reppert started in her position May 16, 2016.

- Leopold Elementary student population of 669, (2% Asian, 28% Black or African American, 40% Hispanic or Latino; 7% two or More Races, and 23% white).
- 77% students of color.
- According to Sami, the community school has lots of volunteers and partners from the school attendance areas. Partnership has been established with Group Health, Department of Revenue, and Associated Bank.
- No community school lead partner had signed up at the time of the meeting.
- Role of the community school lead partner in addition to participating in joint fundraising for Resource Coordinator position, programming and services,
 - a) Demonstrate a commitment to the well-being of the identified school community,
 - b) Liaison between the school and community,
 - c) Help develop, review and evaluate effectiveness of the Community School Coordination Plan,
 - d) Participate in share leadership on Community School committee,
 - e) Facilitate and promote the Community School strategy, and
 - f) Collaborate to bring identified, high- quality services in programs to the community.
- A block party for the community, sponsored by Madison 360 was scheduled for late May 2016 at the Nine Spring Golf Course to provide more information and to answer questions from the community about the community school, as well as to conduct a needs assessment.
- Sam is very confident that a lead partner will sign on soon.

Mendota Community School-Resource Coordinator is Stacy Broach. She started in her position May ___, 2016. The school is located in the northeast part of Madison.

- Total student population of 340.
- 72% students of color.
- 80% poverty/free or reduced lunch.
- Community school partners include Webcraft, Door Creek Church, and Christ Presbyterian Church.
- No community school lead partner had signed up at the time of the meeting.
- Madison Schools and Community Recreation (MSCR) runs an afterschool program that serves from 140 to 160 students daily.

- A block party for the community, sponsored by Madison 360 has been scheduled for August 2016, to provide more information and answer questions from the community about the community school.

The biggest needs identified by the Mendota Community School included:

- Mentors/Tutors
- Health Care
- Adult Education and Training
- More family involvement
- Jobs

Community Organizations

The 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. partnered with the Urban League of Greater Madison to utilize its mentorship program to further the goals of MBK-Madison through Project SOAR (Student Opportunities Access and Readiness) in collaboration with established community partners. Project SOAR is designed to:

- Address chronic absenteeism; improve juvenile delinquency and graduation rates for students at risk of not being on track for high school graduation in the Madison Metro School District.
- To serve male youth of color between the ages of 12-17.
- Serve all students who are identified as being “at risk” for high school graduation, are economically disadvantaged, from single parent homes, homeless, involved in foster care or involved in the juvenile justice system, with an emphasis on African American students.

Topics to be covered will include, but are not limited to: *literacy; financial literacy; gangs; athletics and recreation; nutrition, police/courts/justice system/prison; manhood; body/mind and spirit; family; relationships; religion; parenting; and support systems. For more information see attachment A.*

100 volunteers have signed up as mentors to help the organization accomplish SOAR objectives.

Project SOAR will provide a total of no less than 300 hours of community service and serve at least seventy-five (75) participants, thru various programs and initiatives positively impacting the City over the life of the program. The 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. will provide monthly reports to the Urban League of Greater Madison on the number of youths mentored and project successes.

Ron Johnson, Coordinator, Dane County Community Restorative Court, stated that the court was launched in 2015 in South Madison as a way to expedite misdemeanor cases and provide an alternative to the traditional justice system. The mission of the Dane County Restorative Court (CRC) is to repair harm, reduce risk and rebuild community.

- Dane County Community Restorative Justice is a program designed for 17 to 25-year-olds with a misdemeanor violation such as simple battery,

disorderly conduct, obstructing an officer, theft and criminal damage to property.

- Must be referred by a criminal justice partner and offered the opportunity to participate in the program.
- Must accept responsibility for their actions and often includes community service and other restrictions.
- Victim given a voice and community participation is essential.
- Referral by parent of a child is possible.
- 30 cases since inception, and half have completed the process, while three decided to pay the fines and one moved out of state.
- If completed no CCAP record or formal charge.
- Need to better communicate the program to community.

Ismael Ozanne, the Dane County District Attorney, met with Dr. Ruben Anthony, CEO Urban League of Greater Madison, and pledged his support to the MBK Madison challenge.

Meetings during the month of June 2016 have been scheduled with the following:

- Enis Ragland, Deputy Mayor for Administration and Finance, City of Madison.
- Jerlando F.L. Jackson, PhD Director and Chief Research Scientist WeAmosLAB University of Wisconsin.
- Sandy Morales, COO Big Brothers Big Sisters Dane County.
- Karen Menendez-Coller, Executive Director Centro Hispanio of Dane County
- Tom Brown, Schools of Hope and 21st Century Careers Coordinator - Wright Middle School.
- Terry Birts, Urban League of Greater Madison Employment Specialist Fatherhood and Trades
- Anthony Brown, Jr., Urban League of Greater Madison Volunteer Coordinator