**SDOP Northeast Task Force Minutes**

 **May 16, 2018 Belize**

Present: Laura Krauss (Chair), Karen Brown, Johnnie Monroe,

Staff - Margaret Mwale, Alonzo Johnson

Joys and Concerns- Laura is happy that we are in Belize, Karen has received the Trailblazer Award from Union Seminary in Virginia, Johnnie Monroe has received the Metro Urban Institute Legacy Award. Also, Johnnie has lifted up thanks giving for a young man from his former church Grace Presbyterian who will be receiving his PhD.

Budget

**Continuing**

SN17002 – Strength To Love Farms, Baltimore MD – Paperwork resolved, they have received payment.

SN17003 – Raising Our Voices Outreach Project, Rochester, NY – **Site visit authorized**. Karen Brown has tried many times to get in touch with Luis. The organization may be going through some changes. Alonzo will get information. It is possible that Alonzo (with accompanied person from local SDOP) will have to do site visit when visiting in the Fall. **Site visitor to be determined.**

SN18001 – Daughters of Sarah, Poughkeepsie, NY – Rejected initially, changed a few things on the application. The founder is leaving. **Site visit authorized**. **Site visitor to be determined.**

SN18002—Kids of Character Program, Baltimore MD – A famous ballplayer started this, site visit needs to happen to ask some questions about it. Johnnie or Karen could make that visit.

SN18003—Leadership Development Project, Worchester, MA – **Site visit authorized. Site visitor to be determined.** Still needs site visit, weather previously did not permit.

It was suggested that we look at the list of alumni that could help us in doing site visits. The list of alum could be sent to Laura, or Karen being that Laura is outgoing.

**New Grants**

SN18004 – SOAR, Turners Fall, MA – Women’s Empowerment Group Trauma – **Site visit authorized. Site visitor to be determined.**

SN18005 – Proyecto Faro/Project Lighthouse, Stony Point, NY – **Site visit authorized.** **Site visitor to be determined.**

**Church and Community Outreach**

Community Workshop, Rochester, NY Fall

Respectfully Submitted,

Alonzo Johnson