**Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People**

**Midwest Task Force Minutes**

**March 24, 2017**

**Conference Call**

Present: Lisa Leverette, Sarah Jane Moore, Phyllis Edwards, Sharon Ware, Clara Nunez, Staff.

Opening prayer by Sarah Jane Moore.

January 2017 Minutes were approved.

2017 Budget - $74,410.25

**Applications**

**SM17001 La conexion, Bowling Green, OH** – The Midwest Task Force met to review your application.  The Task Force sees from the application that SDOP and other funders have already generously funded La Connexion for capacity building. The Task Force is disappointed not to see an application from the group for next steps of the project and not for additional capacity building. The application needs to have a project that has an action plan that is focused and clear. As presented the application cannot be considered for funding.

**SM17002 WRIP Resource Center, Detroit, MI -** The Task Force **REJECTED** this application because it doesn’t appear to meet criteria of being owned and controlled by the direct beneficiaries.

**SM17003 Youngstown Neighborhood Development, Youngstown, OH** -The Task Force **REJECTED** this application because it doesn’t appear to meet criteria of being owned and controlled by the direct beneficiaries. The Task Force is troubled by the fact the executive director is responsible for the hiring and firing decisions in the group instead of the direct group.

**Other Business**

The task Force discussed the new grant agreement procedure.

**Meeting dates**

May 18-21 – In conjunction with the National Committee meeting in Oakland, CA

July or October – Columbus, OH – United Way Conference or Minneapolis or St. Louis.

September 14-16 - In conjunction with the National Committee meeting in Cleveland, OH

Conference Call

Joys and concerns were shared.

Closed with prayers by Lisa Leverette

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Nunez