



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, July 27, 2020**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
 - Presenters will provide details please use Zoom chat to send questions.
 - Link to sign up <https://forms.gle/TxE3gRSDXU1ae95A6>

AGENDA

- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
 - Colette Payne, Policy Associate
 - 2020 Impact Award Winner
 - **CGLA works with formerly incarcerated to provide legal services such as help with HUD/CHA evictions procedures, jobs, expungements.** She leads the Visible Voices Council for Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers. She herself was formerly incarcerated. She knows people return to the same communities they left and receive little support when returning from incarceration. CGLA provides services to these people, There is also a Leadership council at CGLA.
 - Located at 6 S Clark, [\(312\) 738-2452](tel:3127382452)
 - colettepayne@cglanet.net

- Hudson Street Community Collaborative
 - Adell Thomas
 - Charlie Branda
 - Shirley Johnson
 - Kim McBride
 - **The Collaborative was set up several years ago by local residents who live by Marshall Field Gardens Apartments. Stakeholders also include Charlie Branda from Art on Sedgwick and MFGA residents and others near the block. Shirley helps organize group. Together the collaborative is working to keep Hudson street and surrounding area clean, safe, and beautiful.** Already have brought more garbage cans, lights, and security cameras to the area.
 - There was a discussion about recent crime activity on Hudson street and what the Police and Management at Marshall Field Gardens is doing about it. There was a conference call with many stakeholders, including Alderman, NNUP, Related Management, Mainerre school and CPS to discuss next steps for this area.
 - August 15th there will be a clean up on Hudson, lead by Khadija Warfield. She welcomes support for this event and will try to get COVID testing at the event as well. Contact blackgirlsbreakbread.org for more details on how to help.
 - The Alderman speaks about the fact, former residents from the community return to the Hudson street area as well as the Rowhouse area and it is hard to control this activity. Police vehicles are parked in both locations. There is mutual gratitude on both sides for the help each other provides.

- Near North Health Services Corporation
 - Dr. Cox-Batson, Chief Medical Officer
 - **Located at 1276 N. Clyburn - this is one of 8 locations. NNH has been in the community for 53 years and was founded on community activism to get health services in Cabrini area for families.**
 - They serve and employ the community.
 - Regardless of ability to pay they will treat you. NNH works with Alderman and throughout Senior building in the area to provide COVID testing. Can't go into CHA buildings. They serve a population of 70% African American, 20% Latinx, and 10% other. Because of comorbidities NNH works to educate and prevent the spread of COVID in underserved communities. There is a lot of anxiety and depression that goes along with COVID.
 - Contact Kathleen Jackson to set up a testing event. kjackson@nearnorthhealth.org
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- Introductions
 - **Dr Joyce Booker-Thomas, Interim Principal Franklin Fine Arts School**
 - Retired interim Principal
 - She has 100 days to serve in this role. She started June 22.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Suggestion Box at the check-in table or email mdreczynski@nnup.org with comments
- July 30 - NNUP Youth and Family meeting, location TBD, 11 am
- Dr. Jobe from Moody will be at our August meeting.