



**Cook County Complete Count Census Commission**  
**Community and Faith Based Organizations Subcommittee**

Date: December 5, 2019  
Time: 10:06 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Vice Chair Anaya, Aisha Davis (Howard Brown Health), Michelle Garcia (Access Living), Cassandra Guice (1 Woodlawn), Phyllis Logan, Christina Pacione-Zayas (Erickson Institute), Rev. Harris Sr. (Carey Tercentenary A.M.E Church), Martina Hone (on behalf of Dorri McWhorter YWCA Metropolitan Chicago), Nancy Asirifi-Otchere (United African Organization), Bruce Wellems, (Peace & Education Coalition), Deborah Lane (ATU Local 308), Eva Nip (Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community)

**SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Cook County Complete Count Census Commission Community and Faith Based Organizations Subcommittee was convened via an in-person meeting from 10:06 a.m. – 11:18 a.m. The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chair Anaya. This meeting was open to the public. Chair McMorris joined by phone but was disconnected in the first half of the meeting and unable to return.

**II. Public Comment**

a. No public comment was given.

**III. Update on grant applications**

**a. Outcome of 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Applications**

- i. Vice-Chair Anaya explained that \$2m had been allocated by the County for Census outreach funding for FY19. 79 applications were submitted for the 1<sup>st</sup> round. The Program Administrator made recommendations to the Commission on applications. \$1.4m in funding was approved by the Commission on November 25, 2019.



**b. Outreach for 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

- i. Cassandra Guice requested a comprehensive list of neighborhoods per County District to better understand where hard to count communities are.
  1. Several Commissioners' staff were present to name neighborhoods in their districts. Vice-Chair Anaya is to share more information.
- ii. Christina Pacione-Zayas requested a visual that shows where awards are and where Program Administrator will target next by zip code. She would like to see an updated map that shows that out-migration Cook County has seen since 2010. Suggested reaching out to Rob Paral for assistance.
- iii. Michelle Garcia stated that the list of organizations receiving funding does not include organizations that work with people with disabilities.
- iv. Vice-Chair Anaya stated that next Commission meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> will be an opportunity to continue this conversation.
- v. Subcommittee members agreed that the hard to count map of the County has to be updated and they want to know how the County will address equity in funding distribution
- vi. Deborah Lane recommends creating a leaflet for the public that lists all grantees so people know where to turn to for information
- vii. Christina Pacione-Zayas asked how Program Administrator was selected, and what the scoring system is in reviewing outreach applications.
- viii. Vice-Chair Anaya will send out link to application and Census toolkit so subcommittee members can share with their networks.

**IV. Vote on meeting minutes from November 14, 2019**

- a. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Commissioner Logan moved to approve the minutes. Cassandra Guice moved to amend the minutes to reflect the meeting was adjourned in the p.m., not a.m. The motion was seconded by Michelle Garcia.

**V. Discuss and decide first community meeting/roundtable**

- a. YWCA offers their space for a community roundtable.
- b. Commissioner Logan suggests bringing faith-based leaders together first before doing outreach to organizations, given they have wide networks.
- c. Cassandra Guice offered to approach Apostolic to see if subcommittee can join their monthly stakeholder meeting and have larger town hall there



- d. Tina Hone stated that this can be the subcommittee's South Side meeting, then a suburban one can be planned.
- e. Michelle Garcia reminded the group that any venues the subcommittee uses should be ADA-accessible.
- f. January 23<sup>rd</sup> was offered as a potential date. Cassandra Guice will follow-up with Chair and Vice-Chair.
- g. Vice-Chair Anaya suggested the subcommittee invite the County Bureau of Economic Development and/or Census Bureau staff.

**VI. Next Steps**

- a. In planning ahead for other community events. Deborah Lane offered her church in Pullman as a venue, reiterated her idea of a gospel concert.
- b. Cassandra Guice mentioned idea of having Census kiosks in CTA stations and a van that can help the homeless fill out the Census. She is also interested in connecting with food banks/food depositories as spaces that can share information.
- c. Vice-Chair Anaya clarified that the subcommittee itself does not have funding, and that these ideas would need to be carried out through partnerships with funded organizations
- d. Tina Hone suggested connecting corporate partners to the Program Administrator to assist with outreach.
- e. Michelle Garcia mentioned that mobile sites can help people with disabilities as well.
  - i. Access Living or public libraries can serve as venues
  - ii. Access Living and ICIRR can help people fill out the Census.

**VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. A motion was made by Cassandra Guice to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Logan.