



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

Date: January 9, 2020  
Time: 10:03 a.m. – 11:24 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Chair McMorris, Vice Chair Anaya, Jphn Belse (First Baptist Church of Melrose Park), Grace Chan (Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community), Cassandra Guice (1 Woodlawn), Deborah Lane (ATU Local 308), Phyllis Logan, Martina Hone (on behalf of Dorri McWhorter YWCA Metropolitan Chicago), Nancy Asirifi-Otchere (United African Organization), Walter Turner III (Baptist Ministers Conference)

Cook County Commissioners Stanley Moore and John Daley also attended the meeting.

**SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The January 9<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 10:03 a.m. – 11:24 a.m. The meeting was chaired by Lamell McMorris. This meeting was open to the public, no public comment was given.

**II. Public Comment**

a. No public comment was given.

**III. Vote on meeting minutes from December 5, 2019**

a. The minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

**IV. Overview of last Commission meeting**

a. Outreach Funding

- i. Representatives from The William Everett Group provided an overview of the County's funding process, funding timeline, and the role of Census Champions.
- ii. Over \$1.5m awarded in 1<sup>st</sup> round of funding, approximately \$300,000 left.
- iii. Organizations that have received over \$250,000 from other sources would not qualify for County funding and funding cannot be used for salaries.



b. Hard to Count Map

- i. The William Everett Group explained that 95% of Hard to Count areas in Cook County were covered by grantees, and all districts were covered by at least one organization.
- ii. Subcommittee members can apply for funding
- iii. Program Administrator will target gaps in funding
- iv. Subcommittee discussed importance of involving faith-based community in outreach
- v. Program Administrator encouraged everyone to host a Census related event. They can assist with process.
- vi. Group discussed challenges with messaging and misinformation, and considered countering this in the media.

**V. Discuss January community meeting/roundtable**

- a. Plans for future community events
  - i. Subcommittee had been unable to proceed with a couple options due to fact we do not have a budget and there were requests for payment
  - ii. YWCA and 1Woodlawn willing to collaborate for Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> Woodlawn event
  - iii. Chair suggested hosting events in Side Suburbs and West Side in February
  - iv. Deborah Lane reiterated venue options in South Side, said there will be a Census section at Women's March

**VI. Next Steps**

- a. Group agreed they will contribute to a Google Doc with various ideas for venues and ideas for events.
- b. Rev. Turner will do outreach will do outreach for a February event in South Suburbs.
- c. Vice-Chair suggested members write a joint op-ed on Census misinformation.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.