



Statewide Learning Network Meeting

December 7, 2006

Chicago Teachers Center

770 North Halsted, 4th floor, Chicago

10 am – 5:00 pm

Agenda

9:30 – 10 am Coffee, rolls, and check-in

10 – 11:15 am **Opening session**

Welcome: Madeline Talbott, ACORN Chair, Grow Your Own Illinois

Remarks: Elizabeth Pagan, Nueva Generación, teacher candidate

Q & A with ISBE: Linda Jamali, Interim Division Administrator, Teacher Certification; **Darren Reisberg**, General Counsel

Remarks: Dr. Christopher Koch, Acting Superintendent, ISBE

Updates: Two-minute reports from each GYO consortium

11:15 Break

11:30 – 12:30 pm **Three Small Groups**

Best Practices: Sustaining GYO Consortia Partnerships

Facilitators: Angela Mojekwu, Jeff Bartow, Nancy Aardema

Questions related to sustaining consortia:

What challenges have resulted from different cultures? Institutional policies or practices? 4-year, 2-year articulation issues?

What roles have schools and districts played? Community organizations?

What strategies have worked well?

Your toughest issue? Your most rewarding experience?

Are there supports (training, materials, etc.) that might be helpful?

- 12:30 – 1:30 pm **Lunch**
Cohort coordinators meet together. **Elizabeth Skinner**, facilitator
- 1:25 pm **Remarks: Youvette Battles**, Grow Your Own teacher candidate
- 1:30 – 3 pm **Three Small Groups:**
Best Practices: Building Cohort Relationships and Resource Networks
Facilitators: Angelique Orr-Gordon, Jay Travis, Diana Nelson
Questions related to building cohort relationships
What strategies are working well? Have not worked well?
How frequently do cohorts meet and what do they meet about?
Strategies for cohorts with different levels of college readiness?
What support services are most important for your cohort?
Are there supports (training, materials, etc.) that will be helpful?
- 3 pm – 3:20 **Break**
- 3:20 – 4:20 pm **Plenary session: Dr. Charles Payne**, Professor, African American Studies, History and Sociology, Duke University; Resident Fellow, Spencer Foundation
Tapping the assets of adult learners; ensuring teaching effectiveness
Remarks and full group discussion
- 4:20 – 4:30 **Remarks: Aimee Navarro**, Grow Your Own teacher candidate
Final wrap up and adjourn
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm Reception