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Media Advisory

City-Wide Poverty Reduction Action Committees Meet Today

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Last month 500 people attended the Nashville Poverty Symposium hosted by the Metropolitan Action Commission and the Nashville Chamber Public Benefit Foundation. Given a charge by Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, business leaders, community groups and government agencies will meet today to begin the process of developing a city-wide plan to reduce poverty by 50% in Nashville within the next 10 years.

Nearly 200 are registered to participate in 7 action groups, facilitated by consultants of the National League of Cities. The training will be held at the Martin Professional Development Center at 2400 Fairfax Avenue (formerly Eakin Elementary), near Vanderbilt Hospital.

Agenda Nashville, October 31

Goal: To establish the foundation for the work of the poverty reduction action committees.

8:00 – 8:30 Linking work of the Poverty Symposium to this event

8:30 – 9:00 Determining tracks of work

9:00 – 9:30 Determining the work groups for each committee

9:30 – 10:00 Identifying stars aligning for each work group's work

10:00 – 10:15 Presentation: Importance of pragmatic leadership

10:15 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 11:00 Developing a preliminary list of action items

11:00 – 11:20 Presentation: Thinking strategically about mobilizing Nashville's assets

11:20 – 12:00 Identifying city capacities to use in tracks of work

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12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:30 Assessing the social and political landscape for each work group's work

1:30 – 1:45 Establishing commitment by workgroup members

1:45 – 2:15 Poster session

2:15 – 2:45 Revisiting actions items in light of the poster session

2:45 – 3:15 Committees identify two actions on each work group's list that they most want to see accomplished

3:15 – 3:30 Committee chairs present results to whole group

3:30 – 4:00 Wrap-up and next steps by Planning Committee

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Editor's Note: More information regarding this poverty initiative is posted on the Metro Action Website (www.nashville.gov/mac)