## **YMCA Teen Center**

Date: 20 November 2009

## Attendees:

Tracy Hanna, Executive Director

Cleavon Smith, BSI Coordinator

## Follow-up Actions

- 1. Ask how to connect BCC students with Teen Center as mentors
- 2. What classes could we schedule in conjunction with the Teen Center? (oral history, video production, story boarding, etc...)
- 3. With meeting on 12 January with CalCorps be sure to consider YMCA as a partner in the endeavor
- 4. Could part of our funding for Community Outreach go to support the grant application for the CYDN?

Ground breaking of the Teen Center projected to be mid January.

- May need some BCC "labor" volunteers

Opening projected for November 2010.

- Some projects may begin in the fall with the existing facilities and BUSD that will rollover to the Center's site

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Draft of mission statement "To empower youth to be autonomous and informed to make decisions about their future."

Focusing on three areas.

- 1. Academic support
  - Discussed working with the UC Center for Educational Partnerships
  - Question raised if students from BCC would be interested in being mentors for T-center youth
  - Looking into possible classes Teen Center youth could take that would create a "back door" into college
- 2. Job readiness
- 3. Service learning and volunteer opportunities
  - CalCorps partnership with future Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at BCC
- 4. Began discussions of a partnership with Berkeley Alliance, City of Berkeley, YMCA, and UC Berkeley to create a Community Youth Development Network.
- Training for people who work with youth organizations
- Follow up training with coaching

## Next meeting:

Tracy will be invited to our BSI Community Forum in mid January and we will check in then to see what opportunities may be available for us to establish formal collaborations. In the meantime, we will both work with Berkeley and Albany School Districts as well as CalCorps to establish possible civic engagement projects.