**CGIC Economy Team**

**September 14, 2021**

**3:00 PM – 4:30 PM via Go to Meeting**

**Attendance:** Alicia Johnson*, StepUp Savannah;* Brent Stubbs, *Savannah Technical College;* Cheri Dean, *Park Place Outreach*; Clyde Newton, *SCCPS*; Connie Keller, *City of Savannah*; Dave Williams; Heather Griffin, *Breakthrough Behavior*; Morgan Ferguson, *SEDA;* Jackie Jackson, *MPC*; Nola Johnson, *United Way;* Terry Tolbert, *EOA*; Nicoleta Meyer, *CGIC*; Rachel McConathy, *CGIC*; Lizann Roberts, *CGIC*

**Review meeting notes:** No changes were made.

**SEDA Update**

**Morgan Ferguson** – We are closing the Workforce Initiatives Fund (Quality Rated Child Daycare Centers) by the end of the month. We awarded 54 facilities (94 classrooms overall) over $87,000 and about $1000 per classroom while 335 students received CAPS. There have not been anymore applications sent in and funding has stopped. We will have a discussion focused on strategy 1.01 in the November meeting.

**Blueprint Prioritization**

**Lizann Roberts** – Please complete the community blueprint survey, ranking goals for each strategy to see where we can get most traction. We will send out a recap of the old notes and new notes to have a discussion in our next meeting about the results and what action we can take in the last quarter of this year leading into 2022. Your feedback will help identify what is most urgent to address in the community. The following strategies were identified as areas this group will focus on:

Strategy 1.01: Facilitate a network to align employers, training providers, and job seekers through incentives to connect training programs with living wage career opportunities.

Strategy 2.01: Provide connections to education and trades to help the economically disadvantaged, justice involved, and individuals with behavioral health needs by providing a community-based scholarship program or similar incentive to help individuals navigate resources for educational programs.

Strategy 3.01: Explore funding mechanisms in Chatham County to expand capacity of formal and informal systems in order to provide more financial support and mentorship to start-up businesses to provide a more diverse economy.

**Partner Highlights**

**Alicia Johnson –** Step Up Savannah has partnered with Southern Poverty Law to hold 3 redistricting sessions on the 15th, 22nd, and 29th. On the last Tuesday of the month, everyone will receive a Save the Date for the Step-Up Savannah breakfast meeting.

**Terry Tolbert –** We must promote community members to feel comfortable getting vaccinated as distribution is not the issue but eliminating the fear factor is.

**The next CGIC meeting will be held December 1st, 2021 @8:30 AM**

**The next economy team meeting will be held November 9th,2021 @3:00 PM.**