

AGENDA

Meeting of the U.S. Programs Board Open Society Institute December 2 - 3, 2009

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Arrival and check in at hotel**
Loews Hotel, 300 Poydras Street

12:00 – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch and opening session: *Open Society in New Orleans***
Loews Hotel, 300 Poydras Street, Beauregard Room, 9th Floor

Welcome and overview of OSI Grantmaking in New Orleans

Ann Beeson

Social and political landscape of New Orleans

Luceia LeDoux – Baptist Community Ministries

Board members share their experiences of New Orleans

2:00 p.m. **Bus pick up at Loews Hotel**

2:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Tour of New Orleans**

Tour Leaders: Rosana Cruz – Voice of the Ex-Offender (VOTE)
Norris Henderson – Voice of the Ex-Offender (VOTE)

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. ***Criminal Justice Reform in New Orleans***
Orleans Public Defenders, 2601 Tulane Avenue, Suite 700

Moderator: Dana Kaplan – Juvenile Justice Project of
Louisiana

Panelists: Derwyn Bunton – Orleans Public Defenders
James Carter – New Orleans City Councilmember
Gina Womack – Families and Friends of
Louisiana's Incarcerated Children

5:30 p.m. **Bus returns to Loews Hotel**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Free time**

7:15 p.m. **Bus pick up at Loews Hotel for transportation to evening event**

7:30 p.m. **An Evening of New Orleans Food, Arts and Culture**
Ashe Cultural Arts Center, 1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.

Co-hosts: Carol Bebelles – Ashe Cultural Arts Center
Lolis Elie – Writer, journalist, filmmaker

10:15 p.m. **Bus pick up from Ashe to return to Loews Hotel**

Thursday, December 3, 2009

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast at your leisure

Loews Hotel, Café Adelaide, back room reserved for OSI

Check out of the hotel and store your luggage with the concierge

8:45 a.m.

Bus pick up at Loews Hotel

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Rebuilding Transparent and Open Government in New Orleans

Basin Street Station, 501 Basin Street

(Light breakfast will be available.)

Moderator: Linda Usdin – New Orleans Coalition on Open Governance

Panelists: Lucas Diaz – Puentes
Karen Gadbois – New Orleans Lens
Denice Ross – Greater New Orleans Community Data Center
Timolynn Sams – Neighborhoods Partnership Network

11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Board meeting (U.S. Programs Board and staff only)

Basin Street Station, 501 Basin Street

(Buffet lunch will be served.)

Discussion of New Orleans visit

Moderator: Sherrilyn Iffil

Approval of the minutes from the September 30-October 1, 2009, meeting of the U.S. Programs Board

Discussion of grant recommendation for arts education fund

Update on the Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Basin Street Station, 501 Basin Street

Nominating committee report

1:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Board members and participants leave for scheduled departures

(Pick up luggage at Basin Street Station.)