**Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

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**One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street NW, Room 1107 South, Washington, DC 20001**

**Commissioners In Attendance:** Margot Berkey, Valrie Brown, Tacharna Crump, Vanessa Gerideau, Mark Hecker, Darby Hickey, Gary Hill, Burnell Holland, Travaughn Kinney, Vice Chairperson Walter Peacock (7:42 pm), Anisah Rasheed (7:15 pm), Maggie Riden, Aurora Steinle, Mila Yochum

**Commissioners Absent**: Jiselle O’Neal (excused), Chairperson Heather Peeler (excused), Margaret Siegel (excused)

**Attending Staff Members**: Alex Brown, Kevin Cataldo, Debra Eichenbaum, Jeremy Welsh-Loveman

**I. Call to Order**

The Commission meeting was called to order by Yochum at 6:38 pm.

**II. Public Comments**

Jackie Carter, Executive Director, Jah Kente International, Inc. provided testimony regarding an idea to have DCPS central vet schools available for summer programming and then assign Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to approved schools. Carter also supports keeping DCPS schools open later in the evening and on the weekends during summer to provide youth with safe spaces and programs.

**III. Announcement of a Quorum**

12 members were present at time of roll call and quorum was announced.

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

Holland motioned to approve agenda. Kinney seconded the motion. Unanimous approval, agenda approved.

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

Steinle motioned to approve the minutes. Crump seconded the motion. Holland abstained, all others approved, minutes approved.

**VI. Updates: Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes**

Debra Eichenbaum, Grants Management Specialist, shared the Summer Strong 2019 grant competition summary. Out of the 84 applications received, grants were provided to 56 organizations for a total of $4,866,694 across three competitions, 2019 Summer Strong DC RFP, 2019 Small Nonprofit Summer Strong DC RFP, and 2019 Coordinating Entity RFP. A summer 2019 grant summary was provided. Additionally, two School Year 2019-20 grant competitions were released on April 11, 2019.

Kevin Cataldo, Manager of The Institute for Youth Development, stated 23 sites participated in the full Youth Program Quality Intervention (YPQI) this year and completed the program self-assessment and external assessments have been completed for this cohort. Based on the data from the self and external assessments, along with a comparison of Y1 assessment data to Y2 assessment data, programs maintained positive assessment scores in safe and supportive environments. Many programs continue to focus on improving in interaction and engagement domains.

Yochum provided the following updates:

The FY20 budget has $13.6 million for OST in recurring funds. While there is a small decrease in the budget of about $400,000, that will equal approximately $230,000 in grants and affect about 76 slots.

In addition to the two School Year RFPs that were just released, a new FY20 Year Round Invitation Only Competition was released for organizations that currently have grants for SY 18-19 OST and 2019 Summer Strong DC. This will ease the burden on organizations from having to apply twice a year and reduce the reporting burden. This will also allow the year round grantees to be able to announce summer programming when DCPS and DPR open their enrollment.

**VII. Presentation DC Policy Center**

The DC Policy Center presented a new report, [“The Funding Landscape of Out-of-School Time Programs in the District of Columbia”](https://www.dcpolicycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/OST-Financing_Report.pdf). This report is the third needs assessment commission by the OST Office and it examines the sources and magnitude of funding for OST programs in DC (public and private) and estimates the distribution of costs for OST programs. The presentation provided a brief overview of the largest sources of funding, with local government sources being the highest followed by foundation grants and federal grants. Most funding went to community based organizations (CBOs). The presentation examined how the level of foundation funding varied by CBO size, with 70 percent of foundation grants going to organizations with at least $500,000 in foundation funding. Spending patterns were also analyzed. Government run programs had few fixed costs and little overhead, as those costs are included in other government agency budgets. CBOs, on the other hand, spent 34 percent of their revenues on fixed costs and overhead. The vast majority of programmatic spending by CBOs was on personnel costs, though this varied slightly by program focus (for example arts focused versus sports focused). The presentation included recommendations on how to expand capacity efficiently. A summary of the findings can be found [here](https://www.dcpolicycenter.org/publications/ost-funding-landscape-summary/).

**VIII. Strategic Priorities Committee Reports**

Crump provided an update on the Funding and Capacity Building Committee. The committee met in March and has another meeting April 15. The meetings have focused on “Supporting organizations with access to funding” and “Focus on equity and distribution of funds to as-risk youth”. The capacity building conversations have focused on the 8 domains that were applied in an assessment given to all funded small nonprofit organizations and voluntarily taken by many others. The next meeting will have youth and the individuals that support them present in order to engage the community. There was a discussion on equity which revolved around defining and identifying the funding priorities to determine gaps and the need to have a holistic strategic plan, where the areas of work determined by one committee, can be accomplished by another.

Kinney provided an update on the Quality Committee. The committee has met twice, with another meeting tentatively scheduled for late-March/early-April. The committee is focused on four main goals for quality: defining quality for the general public and youth; including authentic youth voice by establishing a Youth Assessor Corps; supporting organizations to understanding quality through capacity building, sharing of best practices and resources, and partnerships; and supporting practitioners by increasing skills and creating career pathways.

Hecker provided an update on the Outcomes Committee. The Outcomes Committee met for the second time on March 20th. There have been a few public members who have attended the meetings. The committee discussed how its work connects to other committees. The committee defined the buckets of outcomes: program level, organization level and system level. Another goal is to connect outcomes with need assessment results. The discussion in March largely centered on the strategic plan work plan and was mostly high level, but also included how the outcomes would operationalize at the program level. Going forward the committee hopes to connect those levels, which will be challenging. The next meeting will be on May 15th. There was some discussion about how the needs assessment information would be used by the outcomes or funding and capacity building committee. The funding committee would look at how funding could solve gaps and the outcomes committee would look at whether better targeting could solve the gap. Outcomes committee would translate the need assessment results to goals/outcomes and then the response would be defined by other committees.

Riden and Steinle provided an update on the Coordination and Collaboration Committee. The Coordination and Collaboration Committee has continued to meet and work towards finalizing the work plan that will guide us for the next three years. The committee is excited to announce that the following individuals will be voting committee members: Daniella Grigioni (After School All Stars), Tony Randolph (Teen Youth Summit) and Ellen Riordan (DC Public Library). The next meeting will be held in May. Date, time, and location of meeting to be determined.

**IX. Commission Standing Committee Updates**

Yochum shared that the Governance Committee will be meeting on May 9th at 6:30 pm.

Holland provided an update on the Needs Assessment Committee. The Committee held its first meeting in March. The meeting included an overview of the past needs assessments. The Committee also discussed what geographic units should be used in future needs assessment. Holland presented some possible geographic areas to the Commission including: census tracts, police service areas, ANC boundaries, neighborhood clusters, elementary school boundary zones and planning areas. The Commission discussed these areas and there was some interest in either the neighborhood clusters or ANC boundaries. There was discussion that police service areas would not be appropriate.

**X. Adjournment**

Holland made a motion to adjourn. Steinle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.