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

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

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**Commissioners in Attendance:** Margot Berkey, Vanessa Gerideau, Laura Harding (6:50), Gary Hill, Vice Chairperson Burnell Holland (6:25), Jiselle O’Neal, Chairperson Walter Peacock, Heather Peeler, Jason Spector, Mila Yochum

**Absent:** Myles Cliff, Tacharna Crump, LeKisha Jordan, Kenneth Taylor, Margaret Siegel

**Attending Staff Members:** Renee Abdullah, Vonia Bowie, Alex Brown, Kevin Cataldo, Debra Eichenbaum, Ashley Grant, Tristan Kirkman, Malik Lang, Jyothis Sreekumar

**I. Call to Order**

The commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peacock at 6:05 p.m.

**II. Public Comments**

There were no public speakers.

**III. Announcement of a Quorum**

Eight (8) members were present at time of roll call and quorum was announced.

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Spector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Berkey seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Agenda approved.

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Spector motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gerideau seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Minutes approved.

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

Yochum presented the organizational structure of the OST Office to include the new hires (Ashley Grant – Grants Management Specialist and Malik Lang – Grants Management Specialist). The OST Office is fully staffed. Additionally, Yochum shared updates made to the Learn24 program finder which now include new filters and the ability to search for programs by specific dates.

Cataldo presented an update on The Institute for Youth Development which has provided 70 workshops to 485 unduplicated attendees thus far in FY21. The Institute has complete 85 percent of school year site visits and the Institute is preparing for summer site visits.

Bowie provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2021 Grants. The second school year grant program reports are due to the OST Office on June 30, 2021.

The 2021 Summer Strong Grant Competition breakdown is as follows:

* 2021 Summer Strong DC Grant Competition awarded 26 organizations a total of $2,317,199,
* 2021 Summer Strong DC Small Nonprofit Grant Competition awarded 9 organizations $210,000, and
* 2021 Summer Strong Coordinating Entity Grant Competition awarded $400,000 to 4 organizations.

Yochum reviewed the FY22 proposed budget that was recently presented by Mayor Bowser. There is a large investment in Education. Some highlights include:

* $8M to expand school-based mental health services to DC Public Schools and DC Public Charter Schools
* $13M for high-impact tutoring as an evidence-based approach that Deputy Mayor Paul Kihn has spoken about for a few months
* $5.6M to increase summer programming with academic enrichment
* $68M to increase access to childcare and provide incentives and scholarships.
* $3M to Summer Youth Employment Program
* $6.9M for senior-year internship wages
* $7.2 M for youth safety initiatives, including an expansion of Safe Passage, out-of-school activities for youth, and enhanced training for school resource officers
* Additional investments to libraries, recreation facilities, and parks.

If the proposed budget moves forward the OST Office will manage a grant program for *Man the Block,* a Safe Passage initiative. Grants would be issued to Community Based Organizations to hire individuals from the community to help “man the block” in Safe Passage areas and develop a program for youth afterschool while building relationships with the youth and their families. Additionally, the Institute would see an increase to help with enhanced training for school resource officers and others who are connected to the safe passage work. The conversation with the DME and other stakeholders will revolve around developing alignment with crisis prevention, crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, conflict resolutions, and other youth development approaches.

Yochum further examined the implications to the OST Office of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Mayor Bowser budget. Local dollars would be level funding. The reduction in funding listed in the budget book is the result of the funding that was previously allocated to provide transportation to and from school and afterschool for families staying at the New York Avenue shelters. These shelters are no longer in use. Finally, through interagency partnership, the OST Office will manage grant programs funded by Federal funds.

Yochum issued a request for assistance with identifying grant reviewers to help with upcoming grant competitions. Grant reviewers can apply at <http://dcgov.seamlessdocs.com/f/SY202122CallForReviewers>.

**VII. Commission Updates**

There is a reappointment process is ongoing for Commissioners, Peeler, Siegel, Taylor, and Peacock. These Commissioners can continue to participate while this process continues. Commissioner Hecker has decided to not renew his term as a Commissioner. The OST Commissioners and Committees need additional members and a request was made to share widely with Commissioner networks.

Outcomes Committee – Commissioner Spector stated that the next meeting will occur in June and will focus on in the post pandemic life.

Funding and Capacity Building Committee – Commissioner Hill is planning to review the work plan and examine the overview previously established at the upcoming meeting in June which will be held either June 22 or June 29.

Quality Committee – Commissioner Berkey will set priorities and the areas of focus for the coming months. The next meeting will be held on June 29th 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Coordination and Coordination Committee – Commissioner Gerideau will review previously set deadlines, timelines, and priorities at the upcoming meeting on June 10th at 10:30 – 11:30 am.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Peeler seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.