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

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

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**Commissioners in Attendance:** Margot Berkey, Tacharna Crump, Mat Hansen, Laura Harding, Gary Hill (6:58), Jiselle O’Neal, Chairperson Walter Peacock, Heather Peeler, Margaret Siegel, Jason Spector, Mila Yochum

**Absent:** Myles Cliff, Vanessa Gerideau, Vice Chairperson Burnell Holland, LeKisha Jordan, Kenneth Taylor

**Attending Staff Members:** 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 6:13 p.m.

**II. Public Comments**

There were no public speakers.

**III. Announcement of a Quorum**

Ten (10) members were present at time of roll call and quorum was announced.

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Peeler motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Crump seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Agenda approved.

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Peeler motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion. Commissioner Crump abstained; all other Commissioners approved. Minutes approved.

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

Sreekumar presented information regarding about OST youth participants served by grantees in FY20. Commissioners provided additional data analysis they would like the OST Office to consider completing.

Cataldo presented how the OST Office evaluates quality and discussed the David P. Weikart quality pyramid showing that Safe and Supportive Structures are the foundations for quality programs. He then informed the Commission that The Institute for Youth Development has hosted 80 events and 690 number of unduplicated participants. Finally, the Institute is conducting Summer site visits and looking for improvement from some of the lowest performing School Year site visits, assuming the grantee is also programming in the summer and can have a second site visit.

Brown presented information on the regularly scheduled OST Office Hours and upcoming Learn24 Café. The July 29th Learn24 Café is open to the public and will host Dr. Boogard from Children’s National to discuss the importance of vaccinations and dispel vaccine myths.

Bowie presented information on grants. FY21 grants include Out of School Time grants for School Year and Summer, competitions that are open to all organizations, ones that are geared to only Small Nonprofits and open to organizations with operating budgets of $250,000 or less, Summer Coordinating Entity grant which are for DC Housing Authority and Department of Human Services Short Term Family Housing youth and incorporate services of grassroots subcontractors to provide services. This year there are also Summer Supplemental grants for organizations that are current Summer Strong grantees. The FY22 grants include a grant for High Impact Tutoring which seeks to fund organizations that already work in the tutoring area. This grant will be supported by federal funds. Additional grants will include the Safe Passage Safe Blocks; Scholarship Partnership; DYRS; and others.

Yochum presented on the proposed FY22 budget and informed the Commission that the Council of the District of Columbia increased the OST Office budget by 5 million dollars in one-time funding. The question posed to the Commission relates to priorities for additional grants or increasing the grant funds. No additional staff can be supported with these funds.

Additionally, the After School Alliance found DC to be the #1 State for Afterschool!

**VII. Commission Updates**

There is a reappointment process is ongoing for Commissioners Siegel. These Commissioners can continue to participate while this process continues. The OST Commissioners and Committees need additional members and a request was made to share widely with Commissioner networks.

Outcomes Committee – Commissioner Spector is the new Chair and stated that they reviewed the work plan and are looking at alignment with other agencies including sending out a survey through DCPS, as well as looking at the SAYO tool used to measure youth engagement and deciding what scales should be kept or changed. Considering using the youth choice scale in lieu of the leadership scale.

Funding and Capacity Building Committee – Commissioner Hill stated the next meeting will occur on Monday, July 26th. They will review the work plan and are looking at additional recruitment.

Quality Committee – Commissioner Berkey stated the committee met on June 29th and reviewed the workplan and the status of ongoing projects which include YPQI and the landscape document for professional development. Learn24 trainers are looking to add another Train the Trainer series for Social-Emotional Learning. Small Nonprofit workshops were held. The hiring of a youth assessors is on hold due to funding and career pathways programs. Next meeting will be August 11th at 11:00.

Coordination and Coordination Committee – Brown stated the meeting was held on June 10 where they reviewed tactics, strategies, and updated timelines. They will continue to do partnership mapping. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19th at 10:00 am and the committee is looking for additional recruitment.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Berkey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Peeler seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.