

Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 pm
Minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Alex Ashbrook (Chair), Audrey Williams, Diana Bruce, Cara Biddle, Kellye McKenzie, Lauren Biel (phone), Jeff Travers, Becky Levin

Commissioners not in attendance: Charneta Scott, Shannon Foster

Others in attendance: Erin Watts (American University), Katie Lantuh, Erica Steinhart, Nancy Katz, Unique Morris-Hughes, William Henderson, Lance Miller (OSSE), Megan Brown (DC Council), Tasheen Stallings (DCPS), Melissa Roark, Patrilie Hernandez (DC Hunger Solutions), Ivy Ken (GWU), Amelia Peterson-Kosecki (DOH), Claudia Trezza (private citizen), Ambrose Lane, Jr. (Ward 7 Health Alliance Network), Patty Stonesifer, Kara Richie (Martha's Table).

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. OSSE Wellness Programs and Priorities, Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes (OSSE)
 1. New leadership appointments with the new mayoral administration
 - i. Dr. Amy Maisterra is the Interim Superintendent at OSSE
 - ii. Jenny Niles is the new Deputy Mayor for Education
 2. Healthy Schools Act Evaluation
 - i. Original Request for Proposals (RFP) for Healthy Schools Act evaluation was rescinded.
 - ii. Currently in procurement process for a contractor to conduct the evaluation.
 3. Health Assessment
 - i. The Health Assessment will be offered in fall instead of spring.
 - ii. Will involve more high level thinking than the questions on the previous assessment; more closely aligns with the format of PARCC.
 - iii. Concerns were discussed around conducting both the Health Assessment and Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) in the fall.
 - iv. The State Board of Education (SBOE) is discussing a revision of the Health and Physical Education Standards but we do not want to hold up the Health Assessment while waiting for this as it may take some time.
 4. Healthy Tots Act
 - i. Funds for Healthy Tots Act are now available.
 - ii. Healthy Tots Act regulations are currently moving through the development and approval process.
 5. Wellness and Nutrition Division at OSSE
 - i. There was realignment of divisions at OSSE under the previous administration.
 - ii. There is not a sitting Director of the Wellness and Nutrition Services Division so the four remaining teams report to Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes, Chief Operating Officer.

- III. Joyful Markets, Patty Stonesifer (Martha's Table)
 - 1. Pop up markets in elementary schools in ward 7 and 8 on a monthly basis.
 - 2. Partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank.
 - 3. Goals include decreasing hunger, increasing knowledge, attitudes and practices around healthy eating and improving health outcomes.
 - 4. Looking for public funding to support a four year pilot. The estimated cost is \$1.5 million per year for the pilot. Currently looking for 10% public support.
- IV. Universal Health Certificates (UHC), William Henderson (OSSE)
 - 1. OSSE and DOH are working towards a direct transfer of UHC data from physicians to the Statewide Longitudinal Educational Data System (SLED).
- V. Discussion of Oversight Questions
 - 1. Draft of Oversight Questions responses from Alex Ashbrook. Provide feedback to Alex by January 29, 2015 (due February 6th, 2015).
- VI. Subgroup Conversations: Goals/Communications Needs for 2015
 - 1. Commissioners will lead sub-committees. OSSE Healthy Schools Act Initiatives team members will provide additional support.
 - i. Nutrition – Alex, Diana
 - ii. Environmental – Lauren, Audrey
 - iii. Physical and Health Education – Alex, Kelly
 - iv. Wellness – Cara, Charneta
 - v. Communication – Jeff
 - 2. Communication committee: focus on consistent messaging in cafeterias
 - 3. Need to think about how to disseminate HSA report.
- VII. Closing Announcement
 - 1. Interested in having a youth member on commission; reach out to Urban Alliance.
 - 2. Joni – DC United interested in using team members to increase physical activity/nutrition education in elementary schools
 - 3. School Garden Grant -- RFA has been released , due January 31st
 - 4. Physical Activity for Youth Grant – RFA will be released on February 6th
 - 5. Recruitment for FoodCorps has started
 - 6. PE teacher grant is in the works
 - 7. Upcoming events
 - i. Honey Buns and Greens at Busboy's and Poets (K&5th Streets) – January 28, 2015
 - ii. Rooting DC – February 28, 2015 at Wilson High School

Meeting Concluded at 4:58pm

Next Meeting: April 29, 2015, 3:00-5:00 pm, OSSE