

**Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting**

**June 4, 2014**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**FINAL DRAFT**

**Commissioners in attendance:** Sandy Schlicker, Alexandra Ashbrook, Charneta Scott, Audrey Williams, Alexandra C. Lewin-Zwerdling (phone), Lauren Biel, Cara Biddle,

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Simone Banks-Mackey, Diana Bruce

**Others in attendance:** Alyia Smith-Parker (DC Hunger Solutions), Jeff Travers (Fight for Children), Ava Young (Alliance for a Healthier Generation), Megan Brown (CM Mary Cheh), Heather Holaday, Elizabeth Leach, Michael Posey, and Tanisha Douglas (DCPS), Ivy Ken (GWU), Tanya Shabbaz (Playworks), Beth Gingold (DGS), Judy Berman (DC Appleseed), Sarah Aleem and Amelia Peterson-Kosecki (DOH), Nancy Katz, Lindsey Palmer, Erica Steinhart, Grace Friedberger, Laura Hansen and Katie Lantuh (OSSE)

I. OSSE Update

1. School Meals

- i. Average Daily Participation has increased
- ii. OSSE received \$74,000 in USDA funds for equipment assistance to schools. RFP will go out in early July. Equipment is defined as at least \$5,000.

2. Healthy Schools Act Initiatives

- i. Strawberries & Salad Greens Day: 86% of schools served locally grown strawberries and/or salad greens, 35% of school hosted educational activities, 15 community-based organizations partnered with 42 schools to assist with implementation
- ii. OSSE School Garden Grant will only fund a program for 3 years within a 5 year period. Distribution of gardens across the city was discussed.
- iii. 18 HSA Monitoring Site Visits conducted at DCPS schools during 2013-2014 SY
- iv. Pilot School Wellness Champions Program being developed by OSSE for PCS
- v. PE minutes may be achieved by a few schools, mainly elementary level
- vi. DC PAY Grants awarded
- vii. Farm Field Trip Grants will be awarded shortly
- viii. 98% of School Health Profiles collected
- ix. YRBS Report released

II. Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Business

1. Healthy Tots Act Passed and Fully Funded in 1<sup>st</sup> Council reading
2. HSA Budget
  - i. HSA funds are remaining non-lapsing; will be putting an RFA out for evaluation of the HSA
3. Health Education and PE Requirements

- i. Superintendent Aguirre is to meet with the Deputy Mayor for Education, Abby Smith, to discuss
    - ii. Need to draw attention to challenges faced by schools in meeting health education and PE minutes
  - 4. BMI Data
    - i. Universal Health Certificates Bill Introduced
      - 1. DOH, DC Health Care Finance and DCPS have an MOA so they can share information about students – Early Periodic Diagnostic screening and treating – not just aggregate data.
  - 5. School Mental Health Services
    - i. DBH expanding into 19 school (6 PCS, 17 DCPS) so now 71 schools will have a clinician on site
    - ii. All core DC government youth agencies will use the same youth mental health assessment tool.
    - iii. OSSE has applied for a SAMSA grant for mental health training with DCPS, KIPP and Friendship (3 largest LEAs)
    - iv. PCPs will now do screening during required well-visits to determine children that need other mental health and/or social services.
- III. Other Matters
  - 1. Communication and Publicity:
    - i. Need more publicity to showcase HSA accomplishments to residents and students
    - ii. Must be conscious of the stories we pitch and to whom, how the stories will be geared towards principals versus the public
    - iii. Decision to convene the Communications Subcommittee.

**Next Meetings:                    Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**