

Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting
April 29th, 2015
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Commissioners in attendance: Alexandra Ashbrook (Chair), Nancy Brenowitz Katz, Audrey Williams, Honor Williams, Shannon Foster, Charneta Scott, Lauren Biel, Jeff Travers, Honor Williams

Others in attendance: Erin Watts and Stacey Snelling (AU), Ifedolapo Bamikole and Laura Hansen (OSSE), Kanya Shabazz (Playworks), Beth Gingold (DGS), Cory Chimka (DCSEU), Nia Bodrick (Unity), Cara Biddle (CNMC), Ivy Ken (GWU), Michael Posey, Miriam Kenyon, Erin Lumpkins, Emily Fisher, Sally Parker, and Heather Holaday (DCPS), Grace Manubay (DDOE), Nazneen Ahmad and Sara Beckwith (DOH), Ambrose Lane (Ward 7 Health Alliance), Rebecca Davis (DCEEC), Judy Berman (DC Appleseed), Kristen Maisano (Trinity Washington University), Morgan Pleasant (Teens Run DC), Patrilie Hernandez and Melissa Roark (DC Hunger Solutions)

1. OSSE Update

– Leadership Update

Alex Ashbrook met with Superintendent Kang to discuss the perceived leadership gap in the WNS division. The Superintendent was invited to a future HYSC meeting.

– Grants:

- **DC PAY** – 44 applications received
- **School Garden** – 26 grants awarded
- **Farm Field Trip** – RFA to be released 5/15/15
- **Physical Education Grant** – RFA Released 5/8/2015

– Healthy School Act Evaluation & Health Assessment: OSSE is still working on a procurement system and are close to putting out a solicitation.

– Universal Health Certificate Online System: OSSE and DOH are working together to create this system.

– Healthy Schools Act Booklist: This is a new project OSSE is working on in order to promote literacy and health and wellness for elementary students.

– School Health Profile (SHP) – Profile closed with 100% completion rate.

2. Subcommittee Updates

– *Communications* –

- Discussion of best way to report individual school and aggregate results from SHP data to parents, administrators, etc.
- Will develop posters to deliver Healthy Schools Act messages for hanging in school cafeterias.
- Will pick up the reworking of the infographic to a parent focused version or distribution at the start of SY 2015-16.

– Nutrition:

- Will suggest amendment to the HSA to update the nutrition standards of HSA to ensure they are aligned with federal nutrition standards.
- OSSE will develop a healthy fundraising toolkit for distribution at the start of SY 2015-16.

- Discussion of ways to fiscally support schools in providing breakfast in the classroom/alternative breakfast models—OSSE grant or can the HSA legislation be amended to give a recurring stipend to schools to support breakfast?
- Environmental:
 - Discussion of water testing, air quality and lead testing in public and public charter schools. Will add relevant questions to SHP in order to gather baseline data collection in order to assess these environmental issues. DGS may be able to go into charter schools to do lead testing but will need money (OSSE or amendment to HSA?)
 - Discussion of sustainability of school gardens beyond OSSE School Garden Grant funding.
- Physical Education & Activity:
 - Discussion of how the HYSC can support dc schools to meet the PE minute requirements and in raising awareness of not withholding recess as a punishment?
- Wellness:
 - Did not meet. Future plans are to discuss:
 - How can medical and school teams work together?
 - School staff to be trained to identify mental health issues.
 - Funding to be allotted for real time psychiatric hot-line.

3. Environmental Literacy in DC: Healthy Schools Act, Sustain DC and the Chesapeake Bay Agreement (Lauren Biel, Rebecca Davis & Grace Manubay) – Overview of environmental literacy and green school initiatives in the District as dictated by the three programs above. The Environmental Literacy Plan was completed in 2012 by DDOE in conjunction with other DC agencies and non-profits. The Environmental Literacy Framework is a guide for schools that identifies the knowledge and skills district students need to become environmentally literate. The ELF has been piloted in six model schools and teachers in those schools have been developing lessons mapped to Common Core and NGSS. NOAA has developed an ELIT data gathering tool to collect data on environmental literacy education in the states that are signed on to the Chesapeake Bay Agreement (including the District).

4. American University Research Report Out—Overview of results of research involving translating SHP data into a composite score that could potentially be reported to schools to let them know how they are doing with HSA compliance. This research is also useful in providing data driven recommendations on PE requirements as well as the creation of a school health profile reports card for schools.

5. Mayor’s Budget & Healthy Tots Act – Mayor’s budget released April, 2015. Funding for the Healthy Tots Act was cut.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 3:00-5:00 pm, OSSE