



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

MAYOR'S THRIVE BY FIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

September 29, 2020

Webex

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Coordinating Council Members

DC Agency Representatives

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance	Designee	Attendance
Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard	Thrive by Five Coordinating Council	present		
Ellen Riordan	District of Columbia Public Library	not present		
Rayna Smith	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services	not present		
Carlie Fisherow	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education	not present		
Dr. Erica McClaskey	DC Health	present		
Erin Kupferberg	Public Charter School Board	not present		
Dr. Cheryl Ohlson	DC Public Schools	not present		
Brenda Donald	Child and Family Services Agency	present		
Dr. Barbara Bazron	Department of Behavioral Health	not present	Barbara Paulson	present
Theresa Early	Department of Human Services	present		
Vanessa Weatherington	Department of Employment Services	present		
Superintendent Hanseul Kang	Office of the State Superintendent of Education	not present		



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Public Members

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance
Yael Meirovich	Community Member Ward 1	present
Michelle Parrish	Community Member Ward 5	present
Ramin Taheri	Community Member Ward 6	present
LaJoy Johnson-Law	Community Member Ward 8	present
Dr. Margareth Legaspi	State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council	present
Brenda Rhodes Miller	DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	present
Kimberly Perry	DC Action for Children	not present
Ruqiyyah Anbar-Shaheen	Home Visiting Council	present
Dominique Spencer	Jubilee Jumpstart	present
Dr. Marla Dean	Bright Beginnings	not present
Dr. Lenore Jarvis	DC Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics	present
Dr. Dea Sloan	DC Academy of Family Physicians	present
(unfilled)	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 2	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 3	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 4	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 7	

Other Attendees: Sara Mead (OSSE), Natasha Herring (DPR), Colleen Sonosky (DHCF), Tiffany Wilson (Thrive by Five DC)



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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order** **Council Chair**
 - Chair Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
 - Chair asked for folks to introduce themselves to the group by sharing their name and affiliation.
 - Chair shared the agenda for the meeting.

- 2. Reflections from July Meeting** **Council Chair**
 - Chair provided a summary of July 29th meeting, with no additional points of discussion needing to be raised.

- 3. 2020 Maternal & Infant Health Summit Recap** **Council Chair**
 - Chair provided a recap of Mayor Bowser's 2020 National Maternal & Infant Health Summit with an overview of the planning group, partners, pre-summit series, agenda for the Summit week, viewership, and updates to the dcmaternalhealth.com site.
 - Chair noted the maternal health series coming October 5-9th in partnership with the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs. The series will be hosted fully in Spanish.

- 4. Discussion: Draft Recommendations** **Council Members**
 - Chair reminded members of the three subcommittees: Systems Navigation, Maternal Health, and Early Learning & Development.
 - Chair presented draft recommendations by subcommittee based on conversations from previous whole group and subcommittee meetings. Draft recommendations presented include:
 - Systems Navigation
 - Amplify District programs and initiatives coming online to increase awareness and impact.
 - Align needs assessments to learn from data collection and create a systems mapping tool for families and providers.
 - With guidance from DC Health, support and scale Help Me Grow as the system navigation point of contact for families and providers.
 - Work with Child & Family Services Agency and Families First DC Family Success Centers to better streamline information and resources for families.



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- Maternal Health
 - Push for an expansion of centering programs to improve health care for pregnant women and their babies.
 - Work with the Department of Health Care Finance to increase awareness of telehealth supports for pregnant and parenting women.
 - Utilize the Mayor's Maternal & Infant Health Initiative to identify issues and opportunities in the perinatal health space.
- Early Learning & Development
 - Create awareness campaigns to support agencies responsible for child find (OSSE and DCPS), programming at DC Public Library, and programming at the Department of Parks and Recreation.
 - Continue to work in partnership with OSSE regarding the childcare subsidy and availability of childcare seats.
 - Work more closely with childcare centers and associations to get information to providers (and the families they serve).
 - Push for increase in dollars per facility to support behavioral health work for children, like Healthy Futures.
- Chair opened discussion of draft recommendations. Members reinforced the need for an equity lens and greater mention of COVID-19 in all recommendations.
- Members noted additional investments that need to be made, including ones around childcare workforce and behavioral health for children. Members also noted the need for a range of strategies available to support families in more individualized ways (with homevisiting as an example).

5. Other Member Updates

Council Members

- Child & Family Services Agency
 - Family Success Centers come online Thursday, October 1st. This initiative, focused on families in Wards 7 and 8, is a neighborhood-based, whole family approach to provide services and resources. For more information, visit <https://cfsa.dc.gov/page/families-first-dc>.
- Department of Parks & Recreation
 - At 9am on Thursday, October 1st, you can register for fall programming by visiting <http://dpr.dc.gov>. Programs will include outdoor fitness classes, sports like tennis and pickleball, as well as activities for seniors. Programs will start on a rolling basis on Tuesday, October 13th.
 - On Thursday, October 1st, applications for permits for organized athletic activities will open. They'll issue a limited number of outdoor athletic permits for moderate contact sports practices and low contact sports games.



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- On Tuesday, October 13th, 29 recreation centers will reopen to host fall programming and offer limited services. 6 indoor aquatic centers will also reopen on the 13th for lap swimming and limited swim programs.
- Department of Behavioral Health
 - Wellness Wednesday is an online parent support group that helps parents take care of themselves and foster resiliency for their children during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Wellness Wednesday can be joined every Wednesday at 5:30pm via [Webex](#) by computer, tablet, or smartphone. For more information, visit <https://dbh.dc.gov/service/parent-support-program>
 - The Mental Health Hotline is available 24/7. Parents can talk with a licensed clinician for immediate support and get connected to individualized consultations and ongoing support. Folks can call 1-888-793-4357 (1-888-WE-HELP). Language interpretation services are available.
- Department of Health Care Finance
 - Starting October 1st, some individuals/families who receive Medicaid will be assigned to a managed care organization (MCO). Folks affected by the change should've received notification in September.
 - Effective October 1, MCOs in the District include AmeriHealth Caritas, MedStar Family Choice, and CareFirst (formerly known as Trusted).
 - As a reminder, Medicaid coverage is not ending (and will not end) during the public health emergency. This also means that folks do not have to renew as everything is automatic.
 - Folks with questions can visit <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/transition-managed-care001> for more information.

6. Additional Comments & Next Steps

Council Members

- Chair reminded members that meeting materials are available via OneDrive. Chair also reminded members to provide feedback on draft recommendations by October 2nd.
- Chair presented future full Coordinating Council meeting dates with a tentative location: October 28, and December 16, 2020.

7. Adjournment

Council Chair

- Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Any comments regarding these meeting minutes may be sent to Tiffany Wilson at tiffany.wilson@dc.gov.