



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

MAYOR'S THRIVE BY FIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

January 22, 2020
441 4th St NW, Room 1107
3:00 pm – 5:00 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	present		
Rayna Smith	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services	not present		
Carlie Fisherow	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education	present		
Dr. Erica McClaskey	DC Health	present		
Erin Kupferberg	Public Charter School Board	not present		
Dr. Cheryl Ohlson	DC Public Schools	present		
Brenda Donald	Child and Family Services Agency	present	Rachel Joseph	present
Dr. Barbara Bazron	Department of Behavioral Health	not present	Barbara Parks	present
Theresa Early	Department of Human Services	present		
Vanessa Weatherington	Department of Employment Services	present	Leslie Green	present
Superintendent Hanseul Kang	Office of the State Superintendent of Education	present		



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Public Members

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance
Yael Meirovich	Community Member Ward 1	present
Michelle Parrish	Community Member Ward 5	not 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	not present
Brenda Rhodes Miller	DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	present
Kimberly Perry	DC Action for Children	not present
Ruqiyyah Abu-Anbar	Home Visiting Council	present
Dominique Spencer	Jubilee Jumpstart	present
Dr. Marla Dean	Bright Beginnings	present
Dr. Lenore Jarvis	DC Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics	present
(unfilled)	DC Academy of Family Physicians	
(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: Michelle Price (OSSE), Ana Van Balen (DHCD), Tiffany Wilson (Thrive by Five DC), Autumn Williams, Julia Lipton



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Agenda

1. **Call to Order** **Council Chair**
 - Chair Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.
 - Chair shared the agenda for the meeting.

2. **Member Introductions** **Council Members**
 - All members present shared their names, roles and organizations, and their individual reasons for being interested in this work.

3. **Approval of November Meeting Minutes** **Council Chair**
 - Chair allowed time for members to review draft meeting minutes from November 20th meeting.
 - Dr. McClaskey requested a revision to the meeting minutes. The Council approved meeting minutes as revised.

4. **Discussion of Coordinating Council Purpose** **Council Chair**
 - Chair provided the Coordinating Council’s purpose to the members. While stressing the importance of this body, the Chair also stated the importance of partnering with families in meaningful ways.
 - Chair reviewed the Coordinating Council’s four main tasks: track and report; provide programmatic and policy recommendations; coordinate and streamline what works well and what does not; and identify gaps and opportunities for improvement.
 - While reflecting on the November meeting, Chair opened discussion around what the word “thrive” means to this body.
 - Members took time to independently answer questions (“What does ‘thrive’ mean to you?” and “How do you define ‘thrive’ in this work?”) before working together in small groups.
 - Chair asked members what was missing in the definition. Some members shared the definition:
 - Felt cold
 - Didn’t include equity, joy, happiness
 - Didn’t provide an objective sense of the word
 - Some members also noted that we will need to determine what thrive looks like in an objective sense to ensure that this body is able to address barriers that District government can remove.



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5. Strategic Priority Areas

Council Members

- Chair offered members four draft priority areas for members to respond to on the following topics: Family and Community Partnership; Program Evaluation and Continuous Improvement; Systems Coordination and Collaborative Action; and Equity and Access. Chair asked that members take time to respond to the priority areas individually and in small groups.
- Members brainstormed various points about existing metrics, asset mapping, and gap analysis. Some members also noted that the four things that the Council is charged with doing could serve as the priority areas, while the proposed draft priority areas could function as guiding principles.
- Members shared that in order to have a holistic integrated and systemic approach, working with other councils or groups has to be priority in order to see what work has already been done. Some members noted that Thrive by Five's work requires collaboration across many players, some of which are not present.
- Members noted that families are being asked do a number of things across agencies that can potentially serve as barriers to needed supports. Some members noted a need for benchmarks around quality indicators to aid in barrier identification.
- In order to fully leverage work that has already been done, members offered to share back information and analysis that their respective agencies have done previously to inform the Council's work. Chair noted that Thrive by Five can share that information back with members via OneDrive.
- Chair reviewed strategic items of note, including the roadmap for families, building family capacity, early intervention awareness, and fiscal mapping.

6. Members Subcommittee Survey

Council Members

- Chair presented the following proposed subcommittees: Perinatal Health, Child Health & Development, and Early Learning & Care. Chair shared that given the conversation that this list did not encompass all of what the Council hopes to do.
- Members noted that subcommittees may also be easier in aligned with existing groups across the multiple advisory boards and commissions in order to track the work already being done.
- Some members agreed that subcommittees should be aligned with strategic priority areas



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7. Adjournment

Council Chair

- Chair reminded members that meeting materials are available via OneDrive.
- Chair presented future Coordinating Council meeting dates: March 25, May 27, July 29, September 9, October 28, and December 16, 2020.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

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

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