

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

Mayor's Order 2019-011  
February 28, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Establishment - Mayor's Thrive by Five Coordinating Council

**ORIGINATING AGENCY:** Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(2) (2016 Repl.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- I. **Establishment:** There is established in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, under the direction and control of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, the Mayor's Thrive by Five Coordinating Council ("**Council**"), to be headed by an Executive Director.
- II. **Purpose:** The purpose of the Council is to drive progress on initiatives that improve outcomes for mothers and infants and children from birth to age five (5) in the District.
- III. **Functions:** In carrying out its purpose, the Council shall:
  - A. Track and report on the progress and outcomes of District and community programs and initiatives focused on improving the outcomes of maternal and infant (perinatal) health and healthy child development from birth to age five (5).
  - B. Make recommendations to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services regarding programs, policies, and initiatives to connect families and individuals to resources to support maternal and child (perinatal) health, behavioral health, and early education.
  - C. Make recommendations to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services regarding coordination, consolidation, streamlining, and alignment of the plans, policies, programs, and services, related to or responsible for improving outcomes for infants and children from birth to age five (5).

- D. Identify gaps and opportunities for additional programs, initiatives, and services, to improve outcomes for infants and children from birth to age five (5).
- IV. **Membership**: The Council shall be comprised of the following community, organizational, and governmental members:
- A. The following community members:
1. One (1) parent from each ward of the District, including:
    - a. One (1) parent who has a child who is currently or has previously been enrolled in school with an individualized education plan;
    - b. One (1) parent who has a child who is currently or has previously been enrolled in school with an individualized healthcare plan;
    - c. One (1) parent who has experience with the Child and Family Services Agency; and
    - d. One (1) parent who has past experience with District entitlement programs that serve infants and children from birth to age five (5).
- B. The following organizational members:
1. An administrator, director, or leader of a District-based child care organization serving infants and children from birth to age five (5).
  2. The chair of the State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council, or her or his designee.
  3. The Chair of the Home Visiting Council, or a member of the Home Visiting Council designated by the Chair of the Home Visiting Council.
  4. A representative of a place-based organization serving children from birth to age five (5) in Ward 7 or Ward 8.
  5. The chair of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, or a member of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics with experience and interest in issues addressed by the Council designated by the

chair of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

6. A representative of the District of Columbia Academy of Family Physicians with experience and interest in issues addressed by the Council.
7. A representative of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology with experience and interest in issues addressed by the Council who resides or practices in the District of Columbia.
8. The Executive Director of DC Action for Children, or a board member, officer, or employee of DC Action for Children with experience and interest in issues addressed by the Council designated by the Executive Director of DC Action for Children.
9. The Executive Director of the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, or a board member, officer, or employee of the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy with experience and interest in issues addressed by the Council designated by the Executive Director of the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

C. The following governmental members:

1. The Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, or her or his designee.
2. The Deputy Mayor for Education, or her or his designee.
3. The Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools, or her or his designee.
4. The Chair of the Public Charter School Board, or her or his designee.
5. The Director of the Child and Family Services Agency or her or his designee
6. The Director of the Department of Behavioral Health, or her or his designee.
7. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or her or his designee.
8. The Director of the Department of Health, or her or his designee.

9. The Director of the Department of Employment Services, or her or his designee.
10. The State Superintendent of Education, or her or his designee.
11. The Executive Director of the District of Columbia Public Library, or her or his designee.
12. The Executive Director of the Council, who shall serve as Chair of the Council.

V. **Appointments and Terms**

- A. Each community and organizational member of the Council shall be appointed by the Mayor, except for *ex officio* community and organizational members, or their designees.
- B. Community and organizational members appointed by the Mayor shall be appointed for two (2)-year terms, except as provided in paragraph F of this section; provided, that the first member appointed by the Mayor to a community or organizational seat shall serve for a term that ends on the second occurrence of March 1 after the date of his or her appointment.
- C. Community and organizational members appointed by the Mayor may be reappointed for no more than three (3) consecutive full terms.
- D. *Ex officio* community and organizational members shall serve by reason of and during their incumbency, unless they appoint a designee to serve as a member. A designee of an *ex officio* community or organizational member shall serve at the pleasure of the designator.
- E. Governmental members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve, at the pleasure of the Mayor, for the duration of their position held in District government.
- F. If the seat of a community or organizational member appointed by the Mayor becomes vacant, the Mayor shall appoint an individual to fill the seat for the remainder of the term.
- G. The Mayor may remove any member for cause.
- H. The anniversary date for all appointments shall be March 1.

VI. **Meetings; Organization and Administration**

- A. The Council shall meet at least quarterly, at such times and locations as shall be determined by the Chair.
- B. The Council shall hold all meetings consistent with the Open Meetings Act (D.C. Official Code § 2-571 *et seq.*).
- C. The Executive Director of the Council shall serve as Chairperson of the Council.
- D. The Council may adopt by-laws and rules of procedure to govern its proceedings.
- E. The Executive Director of the Council may issue such procedures, policies, and guidelines, as may be appropriate to ensure the efficient operation and administration of the Council.
- F. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Council.

VII. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.

  
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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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KIMBERLY A. BASSETT  
INTERIM SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA