

MINUTES
NYC Youth Board/WIB Youth Council
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
8:30AM to 10:00AM
Department of Youth and Community Development
156 William Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, New York 10038

Present:

Youth Board/Youth Council members¹:

Ana Garcia Reyes *	Gregory Hambric *	Priscilla Guo
Anthony Sumpter, Sr.	Howard Knoll	Rae Linefsky
Arnold Dorin *	Jane Reiss *	Raymond Codrington
Bill Chong*	Kimberley Hayes	Richard F. McKeon *
Briana Thompson *	Kurt Sonnenfeld, EdD *	Shola Olatoye
Carmen Farina	Maureen O'Connor *	Sibyl Silberstein, PhD *
Elizabeth Cribbs *	Milga Morales Nadal, PhD	Steve Banks
Erika Larsen *	Nancy Wackstein	Tom Pendleton *
George Hulse	Peter Kleinbard	Victoria Sammartino *
Gladys Carrion *		

Guests: Justin Walter, Aida Morel, Denice Williams, Shan Shan Chi, Denice Williams, Caroline Press, Ruma Debi, Deborah Taylor

Welcome and Call to Order

Youth Board Chair Richard McKeon called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, asked for brief introductions of all members and thanked the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) for hosting the meeting. He welcomed Bill Chong, the new DYCD Commissioner, as well as Gladys Carrion, the new ACS Commissioner. He acknowledged members for continuing their service until Mayor de Blasio's Appointments Office was fully engaged in the appointments process. When a quorum was noted, the Chair introduced three action items – approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2013; recommendation for removal of non-compliant members; and discussion of the City's new Local Law 103 on recording of open meetings.

- Action Item: The minutes of the November 21st meeting of the NYC Youth Board/WIB Youth Council were approved.
- Action Item: Resolution of the Board recommending the removal of Raymond Codrington and Kimberley Hayes from the NYC Youth Board was presented and approved. Note: The Chair informed the members that these members had been absent since June 2012, which qualified them for removal. A final attempt to contact them before the March meeting was not fruitful.

¹ An * indicates the member's presence at the meeting.

- Action Item: The Chair called on DYCD Deputy General Counsel Caroline Press to explain Local Law 103 which requires webcasting/videotaping of public meetings. A consent form was distributed to members and they were asked to sign and return.

Commissioner's Report

Mr. McKeon welcomed and introduced Bill Chong as the DYCD Commissioner. Commissioner Chong thanked the members for their service on the Youth Board and Youth Council. He acknowledged that a few members had discussed their intent to transition off the YB/YC and that he was working with the Mayor's Appointments Office to fill vacancies and strengthen the YB/YC.

The Commissioner shared his vision for DYCD, focusing on three primary tenets:

- DYCD will more fully include small organizations. Responding to perception that small organizations were squeezed out, DYCD will reach out to and engage smaller groups in providing services, while building their capacity. One key step will be hiring of a Director of Community Outreach and Partnership.
- DYCD will develop a stronger program integration strategy to better address concentrations of poverty and concerns over lack of synergy between programs. DYCD will be encouraging referrals and inter-agency cooperation so that high need communities are better served. This will also require a better focus on planning, programming and evaluation.
- DYCD will re-focus on quality, so that as programs go to scale, high quality is front and center. Evaluation will be key in this strategy. The Commissioner indicated that he was bringing back Susan Haskell in the key position of Deputy Commissioner for Youth Services.

Presentations

FY15 Preliminary Budget

Justin Walter, Assistant Commissioner, Contract Agency Finance gave a presentation on the FY2015 Preliminary Budget. DYCD's FY2014 budget is \$411.7 million and for FY2015, it's \$524.7 million. In FY 2014, 65% of the budget covered Out of School Time, Beacons, Summer Youth Employment, Runaway/Homeless Youth Group and Cornerstone. For FY2015, these programs will cover 80% of the budget.

Expansion of Middle School After-School

Denice Williams, Assistant Commissioner, Out of School Time (OST) Initiative presented on the Expansion of After-School Programs for Middle School Students. To support the Mayor's vision of making afterschool services available to all middle school students, the Deputy Mayor of Health & Human Services formed a workgroup to assist with planning and expediting implementation. The Afterschool Workgroup met with youth providers and developed a White Paper outlining the initiative. The proposed plan provides \$190 million in new funding to place programs in all schools serving the middle grades that have no afterschool services at the present

time. Starting in September 2014, an additional 59,058 middle school students will have the chance to attend free after school programs. The White Paper was given to all Youth Board and Youth Council Members along with Denice William's contact info for any follow-up questions or information on the middle school afterschool expansion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.