Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys

Wednesday April 17th 2019

Meeting Minutes

Location: Capitol View Neighborhood Library

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| **Commissioners** | **Attending** |
| Arthur Burnett | Yes |
| George Garrow | Yes |
| Silas Grant | Yes |
| Tamara Henry | Yes |
| Amber Hewitt | Yes |
| Villareal Johnson | No |
| Frank Malone | No |
| Chester Marshall | No |
| Elsie Scott | Yes |
| Don Smith | No |
| Ivory Toldson | Yes |

A quorum was present.

1. **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Completed at 6:35
3. **MOFMB Staff:** Jason Wallace, Michael Dodson
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes were approved
5. **Review of Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities:**

Commissioner George Garrow discussed the purpose of subcommittees along with Associate Director Dodson. The four focus areas and the focus of pushing policy recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

1. **Office of Policy Presentation:**

Commissioner George Garrow provided background on members of MOP office. MOP Director discussed the overview of the office and two openings in the office, needs a research and data expert to fill the position. They want a Washington DC resident to inform the focus of the office, focused on connections with other offices and facilitation of new ideas that impact the office.

MOP asked Commissioners what is an area of strength and area of weakness in policy as it relates to men and boys of color. Commissioners stated weaknesses as education, school culture related to bullying. Commissioners stated that incarcerated parent involvement in the educational experience of DCPS students. Mental health related to middle school aged students 10-13 years old. DC Medicaid and DCPS have an agreement to share education and health data.

MOP provides overview of what policy is and how it works. Describes ways in which policy is enacted. MOP provides information on what makes a strong proposal. MOP provides deeper dive of each step of the policy recommendation process. Identifying problem could look like: survey, focus groups, formal interviews.

1. **Lab @ DC Overview**

The Lab @ DC provides introduction of their office. Works with agencies, stakeholders, and residents to produce scientific evidence to back legislative efforts. Past project has been security cameras in the District, resulted in the adaption of cameras that reduces the use of force amongst MPD. Staff from Lab @ DC provides examples of data sets to guide the work of the Commission. Data can be found on DC Open Data Portal.

Staff from Lab @ DC would like feedback on what should be included in toolkit they will provide to residents.

Lab @ DC provides additional background on body worn cameras.

1. **Review of Timeline:**

Director Wallace provides background on policy timeline and how it relates to CFMB. Provides important dates to the Commission on goal of providing legislative recommendations.

1. **Next Meeting:**

Internal CFMB Meeting May 29th, 2019

Public Meeting July 10th, 2019

1. **Final Remarks:**

CFMB Staff will post meeting minutes and send out invite to next meeting

1. **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm