

Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys

Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

Meeting Minutes

Location: Greater Washington Urban League Office

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

1. **Meeting called to order:** meeting was called to order at 6:39pm
2. **Roll Call:** A quorum was present for the meeting to begin
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** previous meeting minutes were approved by Commissioners present

**Fiscal Year 2019 Recap**

Executive Director Wallace shares highlights from FY2019 including community events, activities and ad campaigns.

Commissioner Garrow recommends to contact Washington Informer for write-up on the Office on Fathers, Men and Boys.

Commissioner Malone highlights African-American Male Wellness Walk & 5K Run in which 200 men received health care services

Commissioner Burnett discussed “Call me Mr.” program in South Carolina that increases the number of African-American male teachers in the SC school system. He states that the program should be adopted in the District for men of color.

Commissioner Malone highlights “Rites of Passage” event at Ballou which was attended by Director Wallace.

Commissioner Malone gave MOFMB Director and staff a “Vote of Confidence”. Vote of confidence was seconded by Commissioner Hewitt.

### **Legislative Updates:**

Associate Dodson provides legislative updates for the recommendations that were provided by the health and well-being subcommittee. Dodson states that one of the recommendations which called for increased funding to DCPS schools for mental services has already been implemented.

### **FY2020 Strategic focuses:**

Commissioner Garrow led this session and stated he would like CFMB to focus on policy recommendations.

Commissioner Grant raised the question if the resource guide was being updated for resident. Director Wallace will provide a deadline for when the resource guide will be updated.

Commissioner Garrow requested that Associate Director Dodson connect with him about a survey for the dates and times of Commission meetings in the future

Commissioners would like to conduct 4 meetings a year.

Commissioners voted and confirmed for 4 meeting a year and will give special consideration to additional meetings as they are needed throughout the year.

### **Announcements:**

Roger Isom (student from GWU) is conducting a photo gallery capturing physical activity in Ward 8. Highlighting men of color in Ward 8. The photo gallery is located at THE ARC on Mississippi Ave in SE. It will be on display until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Starr Granby-Collins (Office of the Attorney General) Child Support Division discussed her role supporting men that are under child support at the Office of the Attorney General.

PhD Student at GWU – highlights the work and research that he is conducting at GWU on men and boys of color in the District related to men’s public health .

DC Government Employee invites attendees Next Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> – Disability Fair UDC 10am – 3pm.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm