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STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
May 5, 2025
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Held Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Beyer Bullard
Mayor Lajan Cephas
Tiana Davis
Derrell Frazier
Derek Getic
Miya Horsey
Lori James
Rachel Johnson
Jessica Port
Amanda Rodriguez
Delegate Kym Taylor

Staff:
Mary Abraham
Zoe Cross
Aubrey Gerhardt
Sydni Jenkins
Jennifer Krabill
Layomi Omolola
Yvette Williams

Guests:
Natalie Miller
Christopher Thompson

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Omolola called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. A quorum was present as additional members joined the meeting during the initial conversation.

II. Approval of the Minutes*

Ms. Omolola noted that the January 2025 meeting minutes were sent to members prior to today's meeting for review. Ms. Omolola moved to approve the minutes as written and Ms. James-Townes seconded. No objections were made and the January minutes were approved.

III. Grant Review Training*

Ms. Krabill presented on the upcoming grant review process. A copy of the slides will be sent to the SAG as a part of their reviewer packets. The training generally included the following:

- How to identify application components;
- How to score with impartiality and in accordance with the NOFA;
- Confidentiality;
- Avoiding conflicts of interest; and
- Expected timelines for completion and funding recommendations;

Ms. Krabill also introduced the tiered system which is intended to support smaller nonprofits and increase diversity of applicants. Continuation funding is allowed in Tiers 2 and 3, but expected to decrease in Year 2 and 3 to encourage sustainability practices and because federal compliance failure will impact funding flexibility in future years (20% cut, 50% of the remainder must be spent on restoring compliance with 11(b) requirement).

A brief meeting to finalize recommendations is slated for May 30, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. The reviewer materials and Qualtrics link will be emailed by May 6, 2025.

IV. R/Ed Plan Review*

Ms. Omolola shared her evaluation draft of Maryland's Racial and Ethnic Disparities Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2025. She highlighted the continued overrepresentation of youth of color, especially Black youth, at each contact point and the need for improvement. Evaluation feedback and input for goals are due to Ms. Omolola by **June 2nd, 2025**.

V. Subcommittee Reports

A. Emerging Leaders

Mr. Bullard shared insights from a meeting with his district senator, who was unaware of Maryland's compliance violations and believed such issues were federally prohibited. Mr. Bullard clarified the state's noncompliance and emphasized the need for broader awareness. The senator suggested two paths for future legislative success: gaining the Governor's support and narrowing the bill's scope to improve its palatability.

Ms. Jenkins reported a focus on recruitment and upcoming outreach to prospective members.

B. R/ED

Ms. Omolola reported on the success of the *Stamped from the Beginning* screening event in Annapolis and shared goals for a statewide resource fair this summer.

Ms. Krabill explained how to join the different subcommittees and reiterated some of their goals.

C. Legislative/Recruitment and Retention

Ms. Gerhardt reviewed subcommittee activities, including tracking legislation relevant to youth justice and shared plans to transition focus to recruitment and retention to maintain federal compliance. Testimony submitted by the SAG for SB827 and HB1107 can be found on the SAG's website.

D. Grantee Engagement

Ms. Krabill had no specific updates but noted the subcommittee will be involved with grantees throughout the grant cycle.

VI. Roundtable

Ms. Krabill confirmed that grant review packets would be distributed by **May 6, 2025** and all reviews must be submitted by close of business **May 22, 2025**.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on July 7, 2025 **at 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**