

Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2021

Attendees: Thowana Weeks, Cassandra Davis, Forrest Watson III, Fran Russo Avena, Creig Dunlop, Gloria James, Ana Bueno, John Marinucci, Drew Hawkinson, Christy Visher, Caitlin Thomas Henkel, Shelly Lazorchak, Kathy Cannatelli, Dara Hall, Leah Woodall, Jon Cooper, Uma Ahluwalia, Sen. Dave Sokola, Shannon Breitzman, Priscilla Mpsi, Terri Cook Fasano, Cathy O’Neil, Kim Klein, Kristin Dwyer, Liz Brown, Amy Burnett

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uma welcomed the meeting. 	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon motioned to approve. Fran seconded. <p>Minutes were approved.</p>	
Review High Needs Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fran: When we were implementing a SBWC at Warner we did a needs assessment for family/caregivers and felt that first thing to do what if the community wanted this and created an app or a paper survey and AI collected the data to show that community did want a SBWC, but also to understand wanted to see other things that parents/caregivers. Leah: That is great, when we had looked at this draft, we said that this is just one step. DOE creates a list based on their definition of schools. This is a second step where you prioritize based on these indicators. The next step is something like a survey to assess community readiness. And then also looking at the funding and physical space of the school itself. Uma: We can look at how this calculator is filled in and then having. The key is to land on a calculator that you can use year after year and then Fran: School nurses have a lot of health data that could be supplied for this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Governance & Accountability Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uma presented the recommendation that catalyzed the work of this. Uma: Entity is a statewide public-private entity and can hold implementers accountable and will sponsor local collective impact efforts to ensure community level participation and feedback. Uma outlined the core responsibilities of the body. Uma outline the staffing support that would be contingent on funding allocated and could be supplied through contractual support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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	<p>participation in data, funding, etc. This is an opportunity to create this alignment across all SBWCs with this group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah: With any governance or independent council, there are a few steps that need to be fleshed out. This is really pulling together resources to support some newly established sites. This group could help with a toolkit to walk through new steps. They would have an agreement on shared measures. Could collectively work through policy issues around reimbursement and insurance, etc. It is carving out what the responsibilities are. Using this collective impact framework and approach, it will require a more collaborative approach to working on SBWCs. Even if the funding does not flow through SBWCs, the authority for certification still goes through DPH. • Kathy: All SBWCs should go through this body just as all SBWCs must receive certification through DPH regardless of funding. • Leah: If the funding flows to DPH this new body can help tailor the funding and support for DPH, they understand the operations and challenges, they know the physical space, etc. • Uma: There is a lot to process, these are recommendations. When the entity is stood, these details will be carved out, understanding where it sits, who has what authority. The most important value is that there is equity in the way that elementary and middle schools are set up. 	
Updates on Implementation Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uma: We are setting up cross-workgroup discussions to help facilitate some alignment across the workgroups. All workgroups have tackled the first two recommendations for implementations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Structure of the Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caitlin overviewed the outline for the SBWC and its components. We hope to spotlight some best practices with callout boxes, data, etc. • Kathy: I think the plan structure looks good. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comments • Uma: One of the things we saw in the budget epilogue language is that it specifies one-time funding. But we know that operational funds are necessary for ensuring sustainability of SBWCs. There are many fiscal issues to think through to implement this plan with fidelity. These processes will be laid out for the body. The plan is a blueprint, how it is adopted will be ever moving. • Jon: I want to call out the tension that we are experiencing. We are looking not just at what we are doing now and what is not working, but also looking 	

	<p>at building a way to do things better. I think we are at a unique moment with legislative support and I think it is critical that the work we are doing is clear about the minimum financial support to make this successful. If we are not clear about the basic financial reality, I don't know if we will have the support to implement this soon. I think as we finish this work, we need to know that the important part is moving forward. We will have a responsibility to keep this moving forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy and Fran agree. 	
<p>Next Steps and Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to publicize the town halls. • Provide feedback on the Governance structure by 3/22 • Provide feedback on the high needs scorecard by 3/22 • Provide feedback on the structure of the strategic plan by 3/22 • Next meeting is April 15 where we will go over the strategic plan draft. 	