

**African American Black Student Success Plan
Advisory Group Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Oregon Department of Education
Zoom Communications**

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Item	Discussion
<p>Welcome – 9:00 a.m. <i>Chair Harris</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opening Statements ● Roll Call 	<p>Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Shelaswau Crier called roll for the Advisory Group members.</p> <p>April Meeting Agenda: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1NCUsqSPNoSiRZdySVTvP0jhHYi7jY3Tj</p>
<p>ODE Update – 9:05 a.m. <i>Colt Gill, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction & ODE Director</i></p>	<p>Director Gill provided a quick update to the Advisory Group regarding the posting of the Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. This is exciting for the agency. The position application will be open until April 18th. Significant onboarding procedures are being developed, and members of this Advisory Group, and other Advisory Groups, will be asked to be part of the interview/review process.</p> <p>Q: Joe McFerrin II is looking for some direction around how the Advisory Group might wrap hands around all the legislation and relief care act funding in a way that we can fund our plan the way that it was designed. How can we do this in an efficient way so that we can move resources to the plan? How might we get all the funding streams/bills at one table so that we can fund our plan as developed?</p> <p>A: Director Gill responded that this has yet to be seen; all these works have yet to be at one table. There is an understanding of the various programs that go through the emergency acts and those parts can be brought forward. A proposal is being presented to the Racial Justice Council and the Education Recovery Committee to show the funding that ODE has control over and how those funds should be spent. This should be approved in a meeting next week. Director Gill can respond to this better after this meeting.</p>

	<p>OEDI Superintendent Application: https://oregon.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/SOR_External_Career_Site/job/Salem--ODE--Public-Service-Building/Assistant-Superintendent-of-Equity--Diversity--and-Inclusion_REQ-60954</p>
<p>OEDI Director Welcome - 9:20 a.m. Deborah Lange, OEDI Director</p>	<p><i>Deb Lange was unable to join this meeting due to a family emergency. Carmen Xiomara Urbina shared a brief greeting and appreciation for the work of the Advisory Group.</i></p>
<p>Approval of March 5, 2021 Minutes – 9:30 a.m. Chair Joyce Harris</p>	<p>The March 5, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Advisory Group with no changes.</p> <p>March 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1NCUsqSPNoSiRZdySVTvP0jhHYi7jY3Tj</p>
<p>Updates & Reports - 9:35 a.m. Shelaswau Crier, AABSS Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2021 Supplemental Grant ● Financial Report ● NPC & June 2021 Meeting ● July & August Meetings ● RFA & Rules ● Grantee Meetings ● NPC Snapshots 	<p><u>2021 Supplemental Grant</u> Shelaswau Crier shared that one of the grantees withdrew from the program due to concerns with COVID-19. This caused \$166, 930 to be unallocated in the fund. There is \$316,938 still outstanding in the original non-federal grant for this biennium. The total amount for the SSA April Supplemental Grant is \$483,868. Shelaswau further shared a breakdown of how these supplemental funds will be divided between the grantees that applied for the supplemental grant, up to \$75,000.</p> <p>Q: Joe McFerrin II recommends this information be consolidated into a packet to be sent to the Advisory Group for their review. He would also like some footnotes to be provided that address the significant changes that occur within the grant so that there is a track-record of why, where, and when funds get moved around. Maybe this could be done as a quarterly report? A: Shelaswau Crier responded that these are all things that can be implemented moving forward.</p> <p>Q: Mark Jackson asked if it is possible to widen the columns to include the names of the grantees for further context. A: Shelaswau Crier responded that she will check-in on ODE’s ability to provide this.</p> <p>Q: Renee Anderson asked what is being done with the additional \$11,000 that are still unallocated after the supplemental grant has been awarded. A: Shelaswau Crier responded that this money is overhead and will simply return to ODE’s general fund bucket. This is because the supplemental funds were originally allocated to fund external evaluators, but ODE is making it available to the grantees.</p> <p><u>Financial Report</u> Shelaswau Crier provided a high-level overview of the total funding that has been provided to the 2019-2021 Biennium Grantees. Total AABSS funding allocated, from both the general fund and the program SSA, was \$10,026,858.</p> <p><u>NPC & June 2021 Meeting</u> The current meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2021. NPC is contractually scheduled to give their final report to the Advisory Group, but this won’t be ready until the end of June. NPC needs 90 minutes for their final presentation. Options are:</p>

1. Two meetings in June and cancel the July meeting
2. One meeting at the end of June.
 - a. Consensus was to move the meeting to June 25, 2021 and to give priority on the agenda to the NPC presentation. The two reports currently on the June agenda can be postponed to the August or September meeting.

July & August Meetings

The question posed to the Advisory Group is whether they would like to have meetings during these summer months. No meetings will be held in July and August.

RFA & Rules

Shelaswau Crier shared that this is currently being worked on. Much of the information provided in this new RFA comes from discussions with ODE Procurement in how to make this process as smooth and user-friendly as possible for potential grantees. A lot of care has been put into the format of this RFA. The only piece that cannot be controlled is how long it will take DOJ to approve the RFA. Once approved the RFA will be posted to the website, the Rules are already on the website, and Shelaswau has been directing community members to investigate the updated Rules to prepare for the RFA.

Shelaswau Crier will create the review committee while the RFA is at DOJ so that work can continue immediately following their approval. Shelaswau Crier requested Advisory Group member feedback on including community members on the RFA evaluation team, providing there are no conflicts of interest. Consensus from the Group is to include community members on the evaluation team, especially including representation from across the state.

Q: Iris DeGruy-Bell asked for clarification on the posting of the new RFA.

A: Shelaswau Crier responded that the hope is for it to be posted mid-April, with a close date of May 30, 2021. Announcements for awardees would be mid-June, so that grant agreements and contracts would be ready by July 1, 2021.

Q: Mark Jackson asked if there is anything that the Advisory Group can communicate to DOJ to reiterate the importance of the process in a way that is not adverse. How can the Advisory Group remind them that this impacts students and families?

A: Iris DeGruy-Bell responded that the time consuming part of DOJ is that there are hundreds of contracts from all the different state agencies that they must review and the staffing that they have to complete. It is a matter of how efficient they are in terms of staffing and reviewing.

A: Carmen Xiomara Urbina shared that she and Director Gill are meeting with DOJ on expediting the review process as these contracts are crucial for their connection to students and parents.

Grantee Meetings

Shelaswau Crier shared that the ODE team is meeting with Grantees monthly. Grantees recently agreed to include NPC at these meetings for better collaboration. These meetings have been very helpful and have received positive feedback. Discussions include time-sensitive requests, such as reporting, sharing of current activities and resources among the Grantees, and bridging the gap between community-based organizations and school districts and how ODE can assist this work.

	<p><u>NPC Snapshots</u> Shelaswau Crier shared that the report is complete and available, and will be sent out after this meeting. NPC has 30 minutes on next month's agenda to share more about their report.</p> <p>AABSS Rules Webpage: https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/equity/AfricanAmericanBlackStudentEducation/Pages/African-AmericanBlack-Student-Success-Rules.aspx</p>
<p>Break – 10:30 a.m.</p>	
<p>Charter Revisions – 10:40 a.m. Shelaswau Crier, AABSS Coordinator</p>	<p><i>This was not discussed at this meeting and will be presented at the May meeting.</i></p> <p>Revised Charter: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SfiORsPv3uwJzhK-C4jmSkz3S1onPvCq7TijfRs3g7k/edit</p>
<p>Public Comment – 11:30 a.m Shelaswau Crier, AABSS Coordinator</p>	<p>Shelaswau Crier read out an email sent to ODE support staff from parent Jen Esmay. It will also be posted to the website along with the other meeting materials from today.</p> <p>Iris DeGruy-Bell put forward a motion for D.L. Richardson to reach out to Jen Esmay for further communication and support on behalf of the Advisory Group. Renee Anderson seconded this motion. Chair Harris requests that Deb Lange be included in this communication.</p> <p>Jen Esmay Public Comment: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1NCUsqSPNoSiRZdySVTvP0jhHYi7jY3Tj</p>
<p>Center for Black Excellence and Reimagine Oregon Education Framework – 11:40 a.m. Kali Thorne-Ladd, Executive Director/Co-Founder, Kairos PDX</p>	<p>Kali Thorne-Ladd shared that the Center for Black Excellence is a partnership with the Portland Public School District (PPS). The intention is to support Jefferson High School, the only majority black high school in Portland, and how can we centralize excellence for black children. Support through the school bond is being used to build this community process. The idea is to bring CBO's in partnership in an intentional way with PPS to support the whole child through their entire schooling. There is a small group of folks working on what the ask of the district will be. The feel is that this should be a community-led effort. Kali Thorne-Ladd shared some of the main policies before legislation dealing with education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB 236 ● HB 2166 <p>Nkenge Harmon Johnson shared information regarding the Reimagine Oregon movement. This is a policy initiative responded in response to a need to get policy officials engaged in the work of creating policies that benefit the lives of all black people. Elected officials were saying that they were hearing, but the response was that this is not enough and actions are needed. Many organizations across the state led by black people that serve black people are advocating to officials on the policies that need to be enacted. Some of the main policy bills are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB 238 ● SB 852 ● HB 2578 ● HB 2992 <p>Q: Renee Anderson asked Kali to share how people might donate to the Center now.</p>

	<p>A: Kali Thorne-Ladd responded that the Center is currently working on setting up a fiscal sponsor to assist in the collection of donations. It will be up in the next month to allow people to begin donating.</p> <p>Reimagine Oregon Website: https://www.reimagineoregon.org/</p> <p>Reimagine Oregon Meeting Registration: https://www.google.com/url?q=https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqdOGsqTkiGNUQotQXZAuoBhLOLb2jXsil&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=161765940216000&usg=AOvVaw2YCKC3Dzcxm-2TbKVu2g2L</p>
<p>Community Announcements and Updates – 11:50 a.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sonji Moore briefly informed the Advisory Group regarding the upcoming YDD RFA cycle for the 2021-2023 Biennium. She will share materials and a formal announcement with Erin Rothweiler to email out to the group next week. <p>YDD 2019-2021 Grants Website: https://www.oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision/CommunityInvestmentss/Pages/2019-2021-YDD-Community-Investment-Grants.aspx</p> <p>YDD Announcement Website: https://www.oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/49/YDD%20Grants%202021%20Info%20Sheet.pdf</p>
<p>Final Comments / Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invite Brian or YDD staff in further discussion regarding cross office/legislation funding. (Sonji Moore). ● Reschedule the June Advisory Meeting to June 25, 2021 ● Cancel the July and August Advisory Meetings ● Provide calendar holds for the first Friday meetings starting in September ● Forward contact information of Public Commenter to Deb Lange and D.L. Richardson for further communication and support ● Shelaswau Crier is requesting ideas from the Advisory Group regarding the advertising and dissemination of the new RFA
<p>Adjourn – 12:00 p.m Joyce Harris, Chair</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.</p>

Next Meeting: May 7, 2021 from 9:00am - 12:00pm