

# African American Black Student Success Plan

## Emergency May Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Oregon Department of Education

Meeting Scribe: Cameron Morris

**PARTICIPANTS**

- Frank Hannah Williams
- Iris Bell
- Joyce Harris, Chair
- Joe McFerrin
- Kali Ladd-Phone
- Kendra Hughes
- Laurie Wimmer
- Lillian Green
- Mark Jackson
- Dr. Markisha Smith
- George Russell

- Cynthia Richardson
- Renee Anderson
- Shelaswau Crier
- Dr. Yvette Alex Assensoh
- Dr. Reginald Nichols
- Donell Morgan
- Djimet Dogo
- Earlean Wilson-Huey
- Tim Logan
- DL Richardson-Phone

**NOT PRESENT**

- Abdi Jamac
- Dr. Paul Coakley
- Tony Hopson, Sr.
- Ron Herndon
- Zahra Abukar
- Nkenge Harmon Johnson
- Ben Cannon –Veronica Dejon-Phone

Item	Discussion	Action
<p><b>Welcome</b> Chair Joyce Harris</p> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ODE Updates: overview of AABSSP Funding Options</li> <li>• Advisory Group Recommendations to ODE on 2019-2021 Funding Options</li> <li>• EDI Updates</li> </ul>	<p>Joyce welcomed the advisory group and took roll call.</p> <p>Interim Director Carla Gary explained that the meeting was called because we need the advisory group input as relates to funding and which option will be the most efficient and effective for this cycle of funding.</p> <p>Iris asked if these are the only options?</p> <p>George asked what the history behind the options were? Darryl said it was due to everything coming in late and being able to get ahead of it so that there will be funding for the grantees.</p> <p>Joyce asked that the department let them know if they recommend something different than what is being presented. Carla and Dr. Tukufu said they would.</p> <p>George asked if this is a continuation of the 17-19 dollars or money through the student success allocation?</p> <p>Iris asked if this is dealing with 19-21 in regards to the \$12 million on the table. Dr. Harris said there is \$9.8 million currently on the table. Iris asked why and it is due to it being a 1 year roll out of \$9.8 million. Iris said there is a total of 13.6 million, but it is going to be broken down to a 2019-2020 (\$9.8 mil) and 2020-2021 (\$7.6 mil) 2021-2023 is when we'd have all the money to roll out to the grantees.</p>	

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	<p>Iris asked how the budget breakdown changed. Iris asked why they aren't following the regular \$12 million over the 19-21.</p> <p>Dr. Harris said it was what he was told.</p>	
<p><b>AA/BSSP Updates: Overview of Grantee Funding Options</b> ODE</p>	<p>Iris made a motion that we postpone a vote on the options until we have clarity on whether the existing funds from 2016 exist within the HB 5015(general funds budget for ODE) and context of the HB 5015. The funds should already be existing and should have carried over from 17-19 Biennium to 20-21 and why the funds didn't carry over and how HB 2016 got included in to the Student Success Act area of funding. Iris also mentioned that the final approval of the ODE budget has not been made yet, but that we still should be in it.</p> <p>Iris mentioned that our motion is to make sure these questions get answered:</p> <p>Why the funding of the continuing 6 million not in bill 5015  Why aren't the new dollars are embedded in 3427 alone?  Why is it not in the ODE budget?  Why do we have to wait until 2023 appropriated? And allocate to the ODE budget?  Why is contingent on the corporate tax and why aren't there a guaranteed 12 million sent to us, saying this is not new money and supported through a continuous funding process.</p> <p>Dr. Harris sent it the motion questions over chat and will also be sending these to Rick.</p> <p>Dr. Harris presented the funding options:</p> <p><b>Option A:</b>  Open Call RFA's to Oregon Community 2019-2021 Funding.</p> <p><b>Option B:</b>  Funding Phase 1 and Phase 2 for the next biennium of 2019-2021 with new applicants for 2020-2021 with short application.</p>	

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	<p><b>Option C:</b> Fund all current grantees for 2019-2021 with no additional grantees.</p>	
<p><b>Advisory Group Recommendations to ODE Proposed 2019-2021 Grantee Funding Options</b></p>	<p>Iris said we need to prepare for a contingency plan in case the funding goes away.</p> <p>Joyce said to remember that some of the programs are already leveraging their money with districts that work with them. We have 3 new districts who want to work with us such as Parkrose who brought in 10,000 dollars to do additional work. Joyce said we should look at the big 4 and see what we can skim off as there has never been a promise to do what they already did.</p> <p>George agreed that AABS wouldn't be the only money to help African American students but that it would be seed money.</p> <p>Renee asked if we've spent all the money from 2018-2019? Is the 6 million spoken for that time. Tashia said we have around 400,000 dollars that is still left. Tashia said it is general funds. fund.</p> <p>Sara said we pushed the envelope to get summer funding but hadn't been able to expand it more than that. When Iris and Renee asked if when funds could be spent. They were told that the grantees could spend the money further down the road.</p> <p>Iris initiated that with the extra funding it could be used to fund higher education, early education, and part of the plan from the budgets of the 4 biggest grantees. The Chair seconded.</p> <p>Shelaswua said looking at Option B people are allowed to apply. To apply you start with a short application which if they don't meet they don't get funded; which then can go to other grantees. Because of this Shelaswua thought making a percentage on current grantees right now is a little premature?</p> <p>Joyce said we had done percentages before.</p> <p>Joyce said the grantees who are coming cannot way in on what to do with grantee funds.</p>	

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	<p>Shelaswua said she'd rather not move on it without more members present to give their input.</p> <p>Tashia said that their grantees in the second phase who didn't need as much money.</p> <p>Joyce talked about how that grantees can't way in on the discussion is a conflict of interest when George asked why they couldn't way in.</p> <p>George said that it called on him to make a decision with limited information.</p> <p>Tashia asked what would make him feel more comfortable?</p> <p>George said more specific data. Tashia said that there are the 1 pager he can print out that the grantees filled out.</p> <p>Iris said her worry was timing since she knows the time that is needed to craft and process everything. If we give a concrete answer you can come back with information so we should move forward with something, so we have that information when we meet next week. Than we would know how much money to put on the front and the back end.</p> <p>Cynthia asked how long ago they provided the information? Tashia said it was last meeting and Iris asked if a 1 pager could be provided with what the percentages would look like. Joyce said it also give us an idea of how much money we will have to work with.</p> <p>Carla said it sounded like they wanted context.</p> <p>Tashia talked about the needs of our unit one being what you'd advise us to do with what funds we have and what you want us to do and what you need? Tashia said in the 6 million pot it sounds like you want funding of those who need it and see if there is a decrease in funds for those who don't need it to go into other things.</p>	

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	<p>Iris said we want to see what funds we have and to look at the 4 we did a 2 percent on in order to fund the other programs. Give us some options on what different percentages would look like. Than we will look at it again to fund the other parts of our system. Where do you see the best place to take it? and where so can we discuss that? We could have that part done for us by next week. Which is an amendment to the ask.</p> <p>Joyce seconded the amendment.</p> <p>The recommendation passed and was recommended to ODE.</p> <p>Cynthia said they should acknowledge the death of Jackie Winters. It was a suggestion that Joyce made a motion and passed. Joyce talked about how she was a friend of the work that the group is doing.</p>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Joyce closed the meeting and thanked the staff.	

Next Meeting: June 7, 2019