

**African American Black Student Success Plan  
Advisory Group Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Portland, Oregon**

**Meeting Scribe: Kendra Hughes**

**PARTICIPANTS**

- Abdi Jamac
- Cheryl Myers
- Earlean Wilson Huey
- Frank Hanna Williams
- George Russell
- Iris Bell
- Joe McFerrin
- Dr. Karen Fisher-Gray
- Laurie Wimmer
- Markisha Smith
- Tony Hopson

**Member not present**

- Abdi Bashir
- Charles McGee, Co-Chair
- Dr. Joseph Jefferson
- Joyce Harris, Co-Chair
- Kali Ladd
- Lillian Green
- Lorenzo Poe
- Mark Jackson
- Nkenge Harmon Johnson
- Dr. Reginald Nichols

- Renee Anderson
- Ron Herndon
- Shelaswau Crier
- Salam Noor
- Dr. Yvette Alex Assensoh

Item	Discussion	Action
<p><b>Welcome</b> Dr. Markisha Smith</p> <p><b>Old Business</b> Review of 8/12 minutes Review 9/30 minutes Review 11/4 minutes</p> <p><b>New Business</b> House Interim Committee on Education Review African American/Black Student Success Plan</p>	<p>Dr. Markisha Smith called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Dr. Smith reminded the group that co-chairs, Joyce Harris and Charles McGee would not be present today. Ms. Harris emailed the group on January 4<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the co-chairs regarding their absence today.</p> <p>George Russell motioned to accept the minutes, motion approved.</p> <p>Dr. Smith provided an overview of the presentation to the House Interim Committee on Education on December 12, 2016 at the State Capitol.</p> <p>Tony Hopson presented and spoke about the experience. As a follow-up to the presentation, the grantees have arranged meetings with Representative Jodi Hack and House Speaker Tina Kotek. Mr. Hopson addressed the confusion around additional funding for the bill, but it's not clear about money for additional grant projects.</p> <p>Laurie Wimmer asked if the advisory group wanted to consider being a part of the Ways and Means road show in early February to speak to the need for continued funding.</p> <p>Iris Bell reminded the group that the House Education Committee has changed. The two co-sponsors of the bill are no longer serving on the committee.</p>	<p>Dr. Karen Fisher-Gray recommended forming a subcommittee to develop a strategy for continued funding. ODE or other agencies cannot participate in lobbying efforts.</p>

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	<p>Laurie Wimmer advised the group that Charles McGee asked her to schedule a meeting with the House Speaker.</p>	<p>Laurie Wimmer will contact Charles McGee to discuss the role of the Strategy Subcommittee. (Laurie Wimmer, Joe McFerrin, Mark Jackson, Tony Hopson, Charles McGee) (Confirm with Laurie)</p> <p>Kendra Hughes will email the advisory group and grantee project directors for meeting dates.</p>
<p><b>African American/Black Student Success Plan Review</b></p>	<p>Dr. Smith provided an overview of the Student Success Plan and emphasized the metrics identified.</p> <p>Group members discussed the metrics aligned with each goal and recommended a SMART goal format.</p> <p>Cheryl Myers recommended the opening statement on each page “Supporting students throughout their PK-12 journey” be changed to “Supporting students throughout their PK-20 journey. In addition, Ms. Myers suggested adding a statement from Ben Cannon, Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.</p> <p>Tony Hopson spoke to indicators focused on academic achievement which is not the responsibility of community-based organizations. How does the plan measure contributions from all partners and increase accountability.</p> <p>Laurie Wimmer questioned objectives measuring student success across specific core courses and not all and recommended using “on-track” language to strengthen the objective and outcomes.</p> <p>The objectives need to successfully measure the qualitative and quantitative data?</p> <p>Joe McFerrin recommended adding student achievement data to support why the plan is needed and why intentionality is needed to close achievement and opportunity gaps.</p>	
<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>	<p>Group had a networking lunch session. Resource Teams met and worked on their recommendations during the lunch time.</p>	

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<p><b>African American/Black Student Success Plan Metrics Development and Timeline for Final Steps</b> Dr. Markisha Smith</p>	<p>Dr. Markisha Smith reconvened the meeting at 11:47 a.m. asking the group for an overview of their discussion, feelings about the direction of the plan...</p> <p>Grades K-3 felt some EC and 4-8 strategies would be relevant for their grade level.</p> <p>Grade 4-8 felt the objectives and strategies were reflected the needs of this grade level. Laurie Wimmer will consult with middle school educators on the core subjects.</p> <p>Grades 9-12 noted that his group suggested calling out the groups that should be responsible for success across the various objectives</p> <p>Higher Education felt it was nice to be away from the content for a while to take a fresh look at it.</p> <p>Advisory Group members voiced agreement around wanting to hear from grantees about work going on to obtain qualitative data.</p>	<p>Dr. Karen Fisher Gray will draft language around the work of the subcommittee.</p>
<p><b>Public Testimony –</b> Dr. Markisha Smith</p>	<p>No public testimony.</p>	
<p><b>Wrap-up and Next Steps</b> Dr. Markisha Smith</p>	<p>Lucy Baker, from the Oregon Advisory Commission was present and offered to write a letter of support from the Commission.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016 at the Oregon Department of Education.</p>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.</p>	<p>None</p>

Next Meeting: February 3, 2017 in Portland, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.