

**Date: October 25, 2018**  
**Time: 4:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.**

**Commission on Black Girls**

**Location:**  
**Center for Science and Industry (COSI)**  
**333 West Broad Street**  
**Central High Meeting Room**

**October Minutes**

Meeting Purpose	A convening of key stakeholders to collectively study factors that impact the quality of life (QOL) for Black girls in Columbus, Ohio		
Columbus City Council Visionary	Council Member Priscilla Tyson		
Co-Chairs	Fran Frazier, Rise Sister Rise Dr. Frederic Bertley Ph.D., Center of Science and Industry (COSI)		
Project Manager	Patricia Lyons Ph.D., LISW-S		
<b>Attendees: Key: P=Present, PT= Present Tele, A=Absent, C= Conflict</b>			
<b>Rev. Timothy Ahrens</b> (M.Div. Tracy Ross) First Congregational Church		<b>Mary Cusick</b>	<b>DeShauna Lee JD</b> Nationwide Children's Hospital
<b>Sgt. Lindsey Alli</b> (Officer Wil James) Columbus Division of Police		<b>Dr. Kevin Dixon</b> (Nettie Ferguson) Franklin Co. ADAMH Board	<b>Dr. Mysheika Roberts</b> (Makeda Porter) City of Columbus
<b>Linda Brown</b> The Links Inc. Columbus Chapter		<b>Hon. Elizabeth Gill</b> Juvenile and Domestic Relations Division, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas	<b>Toshia Safford</b> Center for Healthy Families
<b>Crystal Causey</b> (Iris Cooper) Coalition of 100 Black Women		<b>Alesia Gillison</b> (Dr. Keisha J. Hunley-Jenkins, Esq.) Columbus City Schools	<b>Dr. Wendy Smooth</b> (Dr. Camille Quinn) The Ohio State University
<b>Clytemnestra L. Clarke</b> (Dionesha Clarke) First Church of God		<b>Tom Grote</b> (Karen Hewitt) Grote & Turner	<b>Chip Spinning</b> (Deborra Armstrong) Franklin County Children's Services
<b>LaShanda Coleman</b> National Pan-Hellenic Council of Col.		<b>Mia Hairston</b> (Rhonda Burns) Nationwide	<b>Ben Tyson</b> Easton Town Center
<b>Michael Corey</b> Human Services Chamber of Franklin County		<b>Kim Hooper</b> (Shatora Thomas) Walmart	<b>Paiden Williams</b> Rise Sister Rise Black Girls Think Tank
<b>Dr. Lisa Courtice</b> United Way of Central Ohio		<b>LC Johnson</b> YWCA	
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Details</b>		
Welcome and Open Dialogue with Commission Members (15)	CM Priscilla Tyson & Co-Chair Fran Frazier		4:00-4:15
Presentation on Education of Black Girls (30)	Alesia Gillison & Stephanie Patton, Columbus City Schools, serves 13,081 Black girls who are in CCS, 3987 teachers of color; the presentation was a review of expulsion and data and its correlation to the total student process, ask for organizations that should be involved. Ms. Patton shared a model of social justice is one of the processes used to create culture of responsibility in the school setting, and the partnerships with social clubs and community groups that provide parent workshops to help parent understand childhood anxiety, the school embraces restorative practices as a concept that students are learning, along with the use of peace circles; focus on taking disrespect out of the equation when addressing behaviors and actions of Black girls. For more information both presentations are attached.		
Q & A (10)			4:45-4:55
Presentation on Education of Black Girls (15)	Kimberly Hall JD, SPHR, Olive Tree Foundation & Columbus School For Girls, presented a need for caution when thinking about the provision of services and resources aligned on the differences of what all black girls need, where ever they are. Ms. Hall discussed the impact of exposure, social and comfort differences between schools and how we look at issues of financial literacy, social pressure and striving for inclusivity in a single sex education environment for young Black girls. The presentation shared information on financial aid, how CSG and Olive Tree support Black girls and their retention of the student population and how we can keep them in the school and supported by the environment...the impact on Black girls in the education setting where their exist the perceived need to be experts on race related topics, dealing with code switching as an area of focus on, what can be done to ensure Black girls emotionally as the navigate space; providing safe space for race and conversation; lack of awareness ... Commission to remember the entire spectrum of young Black woman in our community and to ensure there are some components that are available to Black girls without regard to criteria or eligibility. See attached presentation.		
Q & A (5)			5:10-5:15
Presentation on Education of Black Girls in an			

alternative educational setting (15)	Roger Fox & John Gregory, Academy for Urban Scholars, presented the history of the start of the school; every 9 seconds someone drops out of high school, 14-21 age and a plus 22 where girls can get their diploma, all girls have an engagement coach. Many of the girls are homeless, 50% experience some form of sexual abuse; school participation is not mandated, and girls want to come to school. All students have individual learning plans, there are opportunities for developing skills in STNA, participating in mentoring and engagement coaches with men and women, and the impact of fathers; AUS is serving girls who come from other schools; talk about trauma from the lack of education.	
Q & A (5)		5:30-5:35
Presentation on Education of Black Girls in a school-based program (15)	Dr. Maria Houston, Columbus Area Integrated Health Services, shared reference to work done to address the interaction between behavioral health and education; shared the work of basic needs not being met and how having a hot meal in the evening while engaging in services can make the difference in young girls lives. The impact of having a dad involved and the importance of other community and social organizations sharing the work to improve lives of black girls; see attached presentation.	
Q & A (5)		5:50-5:55
Presentation on Education on Black Girls in early collegiate experiences (15)	Desiree Polk-Bland, Columbus State Community College, presented statistics on Black girls and the educational achievements in early college. Academic successes and challenges were shared with the Commission Members. See attached presentation.	
Q & A (5)		6:10-6:15
Live Demo of Survey (20)	Dr. Lathania Butler, Thoughtwell, provided an overview of the survey and demonstrated the link so that Commission Members' could see the tool and understand the nature of the questions. The survey link is open through November 19, 2018 at <a href="https://goo.gl/p9B17T">https://goo.gl/p9B17T</a>	
Release of Survey Link (5)	Jill Frost, Consultant, provided half sheet fliers for distribution with survey link: <a href="https://goo.gl/p9B17T">https://goo.gl/p9B17T</a>	
Q & A, Adjournment (20)	CM Priscilla Tyson & Co-Chair Fran Frazier	6:40-7:00

**Follow Up Items for Next Meeting:**

Owner	Issue/Description
<b>PUBLIC TESTIMONY:</b>	Anyone who is interested in offering public testimony is invited to do so. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If you wish to speak, a speaker slip must be completed. We will accept slips between 8:00 a.m. until the meeting begins.

Meetings for November, December and January will be held in the Central High Meeting Room at COSI, 333 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215. Meeting times are **4:00-6:30p.m.** on the third Thursday of the month, with the exception of December 13, 2018.

August 7, 2018	Listening Session Protocol submitted to Commission
August 15, 2018	Listening Session Protocol feedback returned to Thoughtwell
<b>August 16, 2018</b>	<b>Subject Matter Expert(s) presented on Physical Health and Spirituality</b>
August 22, 2018	Survey Protocol submitted to Commission
August 29, 2018	Survey Protocol feedback returned to Thoughtwell

September 5, 2018	Focus Group Protocol submitted to Commission
September 12, 2018	Focus Group Protocol feedback returned to Thoughtwell
September 18, 2018	Listening Session for Providers: Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave. 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Conducted by Thoughtwell
September 18, 2018	Listening Session for Parents and Caregivers: Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave. 6:00-8:00p.m. Conducted by Thoughtwell
<b>September 20, 2018</b>	<b>Subject Matter Expert(s) presented on Behavioral Health</b>
September 27, 2018	Listening Session for Girls: Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave. 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Conducted by Thoughtwell

October 23, 2018	Focus Group conducted for girls ages 19-22 at 6:00p.m. Columbus Public Library, Linden Branch, 2223 Cleveland Avenue
<b>October 25, 2018</b>	<b>Subject Matter Expert(s) to present on Education</b>
October 25, 2018	Survey link launches following meeting

November 3, 2018	Focus Groups conducted for girls ages 11-14 at 10:00a.m. Central Community House, 1105 East Main Street
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November 3, 2018

Focus Groups conducted for girls ages 15-18 at 12:30p.m. Central Community House, 1105 East Main Street

**November 15, 2018**

**Subject Matter Expert(s) to present on Justice, Child Welfare, Safety**

**December 13, 2018**

**Subject Matter Expert(s) to be determined**

January 9, 2019

Draft report submitted to Commission

**January 17, 2019**

**Commission Meeting**

January 21, 2019

Feedback on Draft report submitted to Thoughtwell

January 30, 2019

\*Final Draft Report submitted to Commission\*

*February 4, 2019*

*Final Draft Report submitted to Commission*

*\*Rain check date\**

Respectfully submitted,



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