



Date: September 20, 2018
Time: 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

Location:
Michael B. Coleman Government Center
111 N. Front Street
Hearing Room 204

Commission on Black Girls
September 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

Attendees: Key: P=Present, PT= Present Tele, A=Absent, C= Conflict

Rev. Timothy Ahrens (M.Div. Tracy Ross) First Congregational Church	P	Mary Cusick	P	DeShauna Lee JD Nationwide Children's Hospital	P
Sgt. Lindsey Alli (Officer Wil James) Columbus Division of Police	P	Dr. Kevin Dixon (Nettie Ferguson) Franklin Co. ADAMH Board	P	Dr. Mysheika Roberts (Makeda Porter) City of Columbus	P
Linda Brown The Links Inc. Columbus Chapter	P	Hon. Elizabeth Gill Juvenile and Domestic Relations Division, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas	C	Toshia Safford Center for Healthy Families	P
Crystal Causey (Iris Cooper) Coalition of 100 Black Women	P	Alesia Gillison (Dr. Keisha J. Hunley-Jenkins, Esq.) Columbus City Schools	P	Dr. Wendy Smooth (Dr. Camille Quinn) The Ohio State University	P
Clytemnestra L. Clarke (Dionesha Clarke) First Church of God	C	Tom Grote (Karen Hewitt) Grote & Turner	P	Chip Spinning (Deborrha Armstrong) Franklin County Children's Services	P
LaShanda Coleman National Pan-Hellenic Council of Col.	P	Mia Hairston (Rhonda Burns) Nationwide	A	Ben Tyson Easton Town Center	P
Michael Corey Human Services Chamber of Franklin County	P	Kim Hooper (Shatora Thomas) Walmart	P	Paiden Williams Rise Sister Rise Black Girls Think Tank	P
Dr. Lisa Courtice United Way of Central Ohio	P	LC Johnson YWCA	A		

Agenda	Details
Welcome (5)	CM Tyson welcomed returning and first time attending Commission Members, and delegates
<i>What a Girl Thinks</i> (10)	Co-Chair, Fran Frazier gave overview of assignment <i>What a Girl Thinks</i> and led sharing from Commission members who shared information from girls who loved to cook, to girls that worry about current affairs in the world and what the future may hold, to girls who loved to bake and have plans to attend college and become a surgeon and the reliance on sisterhood as key to their QOL...
Value of SME's (5)	Co-Chair, Dr. Fred Bertley provided brief overview of importance of presentations and the importance to have a focus on behavioral health when we are engaging in understanding the QOL for Black girls 11-22 in Columbus
Presentation on Behavioral Health of Black Girls (15)	Erin Upchurch, MSSA, LISW-S: Kaleidoscope did not present but chose to provide a story of her personal experience being a Black girl, reared in Hilliard, Ohio ...
Q & A (5)	4:35-4:40
Presentation on Behavioral Health of Black Girls (15)	Staci Swenson, MA, MSW, LISW-S: PrimaryOne Health: Staci presented on trauma informed care for behavioral health...review of services offered and challenges with use of professional titles (social work/mental health) when engaging families into behavioral healthcare; location of center and proximity to NCH has some impact on Black girls accessing their services. Trauma is leading contributor to girls seeking care at the health center; mental health issues that look like acting out behaviors with irritability; raised awareness of qualified clinicians understanding the difference between expressed feelings of sadness and Black girls that may present high risk and/or struggle with suicide ...
Q & A (5)	Commission members asked about in-school services and awareness; historical trauma and assessment sensitive to the epigenetics of slavery as it relates to trauma; police violence; work in the first and fourth trimester, perinatal mood disorders and co-partnering with Black families in home; to BH re-design and opportunities to increase community based (CB) services
Presentation on Behavioral Health of Black Girls (15)	Duane Casares, LISW-S: Directions for Youth and Families shared DFYF purposeful intent to not fold the work for black girls into existing services but to bring their needs to the forefront. Recognize strength it takes to seek care

		start by labeling the act as a person of courage, not of need... we should embrace and get the information out. DFYF are leading the efforts to embrace the issue of speaking out is not the person of discourage Black girls served in their system of care are imparted on selection of activities that develop their personal self from tech educational activities to arts and performance as part of the healing and trauma informed care. DFYF understand the challenges but makes it clear the experts in care are all community based leaders, their system provide all CB services and reflect the individuals and families they serve... thrive on bringing support to the community and embrace partnerships to ensure as many Black girls can be served...challenge the group to understand there is a difference between surveillance and support... please support the reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act (VOWA)
Q & A	(5)	Commission members asked about number of kids and services at the new Ohio Ave. location; utilizing outreach model to meet demands, purposeful omission of terminology such as <i>outreach</i> ; current state of Promises Program; shortage of licensed clinicians and referral process
Presentation on Behavioral Health of Black Girls	(15)	Daneisha Washington, LISW-S & Kamilah Twymon, LPCC-S: Big Lots Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's Hospital shared in a duo presentation as two black girls that serve in the department child maltreatment and school-based services that are co-located. Expressed concerns about the gaps in services provided to Black girls over the totality of services provided. Emphasize the non-direct referral to the (Center for Family Safety and Healing CFSH) psychological assessments, working through distrust often exhibited in seeking services. Challenges with the recruitment of independently licensed and license providers that are culturally relevant and how do we get the information of culturally relevant programs, strive to provide integrated programs and renewed funding for victim trauma treatment groups...continue to do what can be done but recognize services cannot meet the whole need and how do we do a better job of working with families, understanding poverty and resiliency. Along with the school-based program where the focus is on decreasing gap to access care and marginalized populations, partnering with 50 schools in the County including Bexley and Kipp. Recognize gaps in care for Black girls, Black clinicians...currently providing multitier and intervention universal inclusion for girls working with the suicide prevention so that teacher are addressing the concern with behaviors and doing more teacher led work (train the educator)..completed 600 risk assessments in 2017...concern with Black girls in the school to prison pipeline...Black girls receiving oppositional diagnoses and exhibiting resiliency because they have to, not because they are...have to look at black girls in suburbs...and the creation of leadership opportunities
Q & A	(5)	Commission members asked questions about increased suicide risk; exploration of base rates of completed suicid that shift the focus elsewhere and the importance of understanding the literature regarding life-long occurrences is greater, the rates of boys dying from suicide by strangulation; doing an asset mapping and refreshed the misuse of colorism; conscious or unconscious biases; staff that look like Black girls; Ohio's new truancy law HB41
Update on COBG Research	(15)	Dr. Lathania Butler, Ph.D.: Thoughtwell 5:59p.m.
Closing Remarks, Adjournment	(5)	CM Tyson thanked the presenters and reiterated the importance of this process and the tremendous amount of effort the Commission has embarked on to understand the QOL for Black girls... adjourned 6:14p.m.

Follow Up Items for Next Meeting:

Owner	Issue/Description
PUBLIC TESTIMONY	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.
October Meeting 10/25/18	October's meeting is scheduled for three (3) hours, with a deeper dive into the education data for Black girls. Please plan to attend from 4:00-7:00p.m. light refreshments will be provided for your convenience. The meeting location will remain at COSI 333 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH

****The October will be held in the Central High Meeting Room at COSI, 333 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Meeting times are 4:00-7:00p.m. Refreshments will be provided****

August 7, 2018	Listening Session Protocol submitted to Commission
August 15, 2018	Listening Session Protocol feedback returned to Thoughtwell
August 16, 2018	Subject Matter Expert(s) will present on Physical Health and Spirituality
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
September 20, 2018	Subject Matter Expert(s) to present on Behavioral Health
September 27, 2018	Listening Session for Girls: Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave. 6:00p.m. -8:00p.m. Conducted by Thoughtwell
October 2018	Surveys implemented (date to be determined in Early October)
October, 2018	Focus Groups Conducted (date to be determined in Late October)
October 25, 2018	Subject Matter Expert(s) presentation on Education, 4:00-7:00p.m. 333 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH
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 21, 2019	Feedback on Draft report submitted to Thoughtwell
January 30, 2019	*Final Draft Report submitted to Commission*
February 4, 2019	<i>Final Draft Report submitted to Commission</i>
Rain check date	

Respectfully submitted,



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