



BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – MAY 2019

Audit Committee Report: Pam Fornero - Chair

Nothing to report

Board Designated Reserve Fund (BDRF) Committee Report: Mario Forlini - Chair

Nothing to report

Community Planning Council (CPC) Committee Report: Joui Hessel - Chair

Meeting held Thursday 4/11/19, Topic – Children and Youth: Greenwich Achievement Gap, Greenwich United Way’s Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions (ECAGS) Program

The presentation covered the two core components of Greenwich United Way’s Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions (ECAGS) Program: Greenwich Parents as Teachers (GPAT), an evidence-based home visitation program and Pre-school Instructional Coaching at community-based pre-schools, utilizing the Jim Knight model.

Home Visitation Program - Greenwich Parents as Teachers:

- GPAT utilizes the evidenced-based Parents as Teachers (PAT) curriculum founded in 1981.
- The GPAT approach includes: personal visits, resource networking, group connections and developmental screenings which are facilitated by two bilingual Parent Educators.
- Services begin prenatally or up to 12 months and continue until the child turns three years old.
- First- and second-time moms and dads are eligible for the free program with low-income family eligibility.
- Home visits focus on parent/child interactions, developmental centered parenting and family well-being.

Pre-School Instructional Coaching:

- Instructional Coaching (IC) is an effectual method for teachers to implement the use of research-based techniques in their classroom to improve their practices and student outcomes.
- Compared to traditional professional development, instructional coaching has a more significant impact on teacher’s instructional practices.

The goal of IC is to implement proven research-based practices to improve teaching practices in the classroom while addressing prevalent issues that teachers face.

Next meeting on Thursday 5/16/19 at 8:30 am, Temple Shalom

Topic: Basic Needs – Local Mental Health Services

Direct Impact (DI) Programs Committee Report: Nancy Weissler - Chair

Reporting Period: April 2019

The DI Programs Committee continues to meet regularly to discuss program topics for the Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions (ECAGS) program, Human Services Technology Solutions (HSTS) program and expanding/enhancing Youth Impact (YIP) programs. The committee met once



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in April to discuss project timelines, staffing, event planning, research and evaluation, fiscal monitoring, ongoing implementation strategies and partner relations. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019.

I. Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions Update:

Program Development: G UW leadership provided a program progress report to Barbie and Tony Mayer.

Staffing: The ECAGS program remains fully staffed.

Data and Measurements: Program staff worked closely with DI committee members, Nancy Weissler and Laura Erickson, to make changes to the achievement gap data request with GPS. A revised data request and MOU modification was sent to GPS for review and approval. The MOU modification was approved by the Interim Superintendent and the revised data is expected to be completed by June.

Fiscal: G UW staff continues to review all invoices and supporting documentation to ensure accurate payment. G UW staff continues to follow-up with Family Centers' (FC) fiscal team about program expenses. G UW staff met with FC leadership to review YR1 expenses and discuss the YR2 GPAT budget.

Greenwich Parents as Teachers (GPAT)

Program Updates: Overall, GPAT is operating smoothly and FC program staff completed all program reports on time. GPAT staff presented to the Community Planning Council and the G UW Board. At the end of April, GPAT has enrolled 23 families in the program; this compares to a target of 30-40 families for the first year.

Data and Measurements: G UW continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements.

Pre-School Instructional Coach (PSIC)

Program Updates: Overall, instructional coaching is going well and the PSIC and ECE continue to meet weekly to discuss program barriers and make improvements. The PSIC presented to the Community Planning Council and the G UW Board. G UW staff and the ECE, met with leadership from FC and the YMCA to discuss: program progress, communications and data. Impact partners reported that the PSIC is having a positive impact.

Data and Measurements: G UW staff continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements. Staff continues to collect site demographic information and student information. The PSIC continues to record coaching sessions with teachers.

G UW will continue to work with program staff on timely and accurate reports and data requests.



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II. Human Services Technology Solutions Update:

G UW continues to work with CCI leadership and VisionLink to implement the program. G UW program staff continues to meet regularly with all parties to collect baseline information, better understand internal workflows and reporting tools.

G UW staff developed an information/referral and case management prototype. Program staff is prepared to soft launch the system during May and be ready for roll-out at the end of the month. Program staff is preparing training materials for staff at CCI.

G UW scheduled meetings with Mothers for Other and Pathways to gauge interest on adopting the HSTS system. Both organizations reported interest in using HSTS. Additional meetings will be scheduled to get them on the system.

G UW staff and leadership continued to meet internally to discuss changes to the program timeline, budget, cost projections and development.

III. Youth Impact Programs Update:

Champions: G UW program staff is continually looking at ways to strengthen and expand the program. G UW staff is exploring Math Champions and Reading Champions for the upcoming summer.

Reading Champions- G UW staff has confirmed all of the RC graduation ceremonies and has shared the list with the G UW Board. G UW staff has a meeting with GPS content/curriculum staff schedule in early June to make program adjustments for the fall.

RC Data and Measurements- G UW staff is in the process of collecting program data and student progress for the end of the year. Staff rolled-out a volunteer blog to encourage the sharing of information and resources. In addition, staff implemented a new student assessment to capture reading confidence.

Finance Champions- G UW staff and committee member, Nancy Kail, are planning for Finance Champions in the fall, at the same location.

Math Champions- G UW staff is working with Nancy Weissler, Lisa Yin and Ellen Weston (community volunteers) on developing a Math Champions program. The group meets monthly to discuss program content, staffing, and implementation strategies. They are planning to launch the program this summer.

Greenwich Junior United Way (GJrUW): GJrUW members organized another Teen Summit in April, in collaboration with YWCA and Greenwich Boys and Girls Club. The evening allows teens from all three groups to meet, network and share ideas about getting involved in their community. Teens



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are currently planning the Together We Shine event. GJrUW is exploring the opportunity to work with Windrose High School students to increase student volunteerism.

Fund Development & Marketing Committee Report: Diane Viton - Chair

Sole Sisters Luncheon – Update from Grace Djuranovic

- Luncheon on April 23 was a big success and everyone had really positive feedback on Lauren Bush Lauren as the speaker
- We are still waiting on a couple of final numbers, but currently our total is close to \$270,000! I can share more of a breakdown at the next Board Meeting when I get the final numbers from Jeremy
- A thank you coffee for the committee is scheduled for the morning of May 14

Golf Event – Update from Mario Forlini

May 20, 2019 – Fairview Country Club

2020 – Greenwich Country Club

- We had 2 well participated meetings in April and made great progress
- We have gone from 55 to 76 golfers officially booked for the event
- We have 19 foursomes and goal was 20 (target 4 more golfers then advertise “Sold out”)
- Several “dinner only” rsvps but would like to build that up
- Lots of fun planned- Featured event is “Chip off the Roof” Contest
- Several items donated for raffle
- Several stations w. kegs, tasting, photo-booth, etc
- Giveaway Tumbler looks great
- Secured Jon Cuticelli as auctioneer at good rate
- Secured S.C. Low as sponsor and donated Tag Watch
- Next Meeting Wed 5/15 @ 9:30 (5 days before the event)

Brew Ha Ha – Update from Jeremy Nappi

Date is Friday, September 27 at Eastern Greenwich Civic Center.

Nicole Kwasniewski has agreed to chair the event along with Kristen Forlini, who will chair in 2021.

Annual Campaign – Update from Jaime Eisenberg

A huge thank you to John and Leslie Cooper for organizing and hosting the Tocqueville dinner Thursday, May 9 at Greenwich Country Club. We have 38 attending Tocqueville donors. The evening should be another fabulous event to support the GUW. Solicitations are going out for the lapse 2016 and 2017 lapse donors. This mailing will cover 135 past donors we are reaching out to re-engage in annual campaign before we close our books. This list has been circulated previously throughout annual campaign. We've discussed potential status of lapse donors and asked for personal reach outs to reconnect before mailing.

Governance Committee Report: Bill Finger - Chair

Nothing to report



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Grants Committee Report: Erin McCall - Chair

The second round of applications are due May 24. We will be setting up the next committee meeting for the first week of June to review the applications and begin funding decision making process. We will be completing our recommendations prior to the June Board meeting.

Next Steps: Erin will work with Robert Moore to confirm meeting day/time/room.

Human Resources Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair

Nothing to report

Nominating/Officers Nominating Committee Report: Frank Carpenteri – Chair

The Nominating Committee held its second meeting on April 25.

The committee continued to discuss existing candidates for Board consideration and added several new names to its growing list of candidates. As the committee continues to cultivate its list, we will begin to meet with certain candidates to discuss next steps of board membership.

With Lisa Lori departing the Board this summer, it was agreed that replacing her post is a priority. The Nominating Committee would like to bring forward JP Muir as a potential replacement. JP's bio is included in the board materials. We would like to bring his name to a vote at the May 15th meeting.

The committee will meet again at the end of May to continue discussing possible Board candidates.

Strategic Initiatives Committee Report: Brook Urban - Chair

Nothing to report