



BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – JUNE 2019

Audit Committee Report: Pam Fornero - Chair

Nothing to report

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

Brown Advisory will be attending our June Board Meeting to give an investment update. Also, a BDRF committee call will take place beforehand to make sure they are adequately prepared and discussing relative topics for efficient use of our time. Brown's presentation for the board is included in the meeting documents.

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

According to the Greenwich United Way's Needs Assessment, service providers consistently reported that the incidence of mental health issues is increasing in Greenwich; mental health issues have increased across all economic situations, in all age groups and especially in conjunction with other medical diagnoses.

Highlights from the Presentation:

- Dr. Brenner described what the mental health treatment gap is, why it matters and solutions we could put forth to address it. His presentation integrated local, state, national and global perspectives on the topic.
- Treatment Gap in Children: In the U.S., one in five children has a mental health disorder. Out of those children with a mental health condition, 80% do not get treatment. We have effective psychosocial interventions, but they only reach a fraction of the children who need them.
- The Economic Case: Many people do not know about the financial burden of mental illness. Mental illness has the greatest economic burden of any non-communicable disease. In 2015, the World Economic Forum reported that mental illness has a greater impact on economic output or gross domestic product than cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. Authors predicted the cost of mental illness worldwide would be \$16 trillion between 2011-2030. Recent research has estimated that untreated anxiety and depression costs society \$1.15 trillion annually.
- Healthcare Principles: Value and Access are two principles that are driving much of what is happening in healthcare today. Both are aimed at addressing the enormous economic costs of healthcare, including those of mental illness.
- Evaluating Promising Delivery Models: Below are three criteria to evaluate promising mental health service delivery models.
 - Scalability – able to reach a large number of people, including those most in need of help
 - Affordability – less expensive than the current dominant model of treatment
 - Acceptability – is suitable to the population (e.g. race, ethnicity, culture) to which it is targeted.



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- Reframing Mental Health/Four Lancet Commission Pillars:
 - Mental health is a global public good and is relevant to sustainable development in all countries, because when it comes to mental health, all countries can be thought of as developing countries.
 - Mental Health is the unique product of social, environmental, genetic, biological causes.
 - Mental health problems exist along a continuum.
 - Mental Health is a fundamental human right.

Next CPC Meeting: Thursday, 6/13/19 at 8:30 am, Greenwich Police Department
Topic: Basic Human Needs

Direct Impact (DI) Programs Committee Report: **Nancy Weissler - Chair**
Reporting Period: May 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 in May to discuss project timelines, staffing, event planning, research and evaluation, fiscal monitoring, ongoing implementation strategies and partner relations. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019.

I. Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions Update:

Program Development:

G UW leadership provided program progress reports to the Dalio Foundation and Interim Superintendent of the Greenwich Public Schools, Ralph Mayo.

Staffing: The ECAGS program remains fully staffed.

Data and Measurements: G UW leadership met with Interim Superintendent of the Greenwich Public Schools, Ralph Mayo. Staff provided an overall progress report on the program and discussed the items outlined in the ECAGS MOU. Mr. Mayo provided positive feedback on the program and informed us that he would speak with his data team about the data requests. The G UW expects to receive the requested data from the GPS by the end of June.

G UW staff and the Early Childhood Expert (ECE) are working closely to generate end of year school and program reports.

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 received the YR2 budget from FC staff, which was in line with expectations.



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GUW staff will review this budget and generate a modified program agreement once it has been approved.

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 GUW Board. GPAT is in the process of completing the first program year. GPAT staff is working on completing the Parents as Teacher Annual Performance Report and the Performance Measurements Report, which will be submitted to the national PAT program as part of an annual assessment of the fidelity of the GPAT program.

Data and Measurements: GUW continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements. GPAT is in the process of completing the annual report, it will be submitted before July 1.

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 is preparing for the summer and fall transitions. In addition, pre-schools teachers, at both sites, transition in and out of classroom and as a result, the PSIC will have to develop an orientation process for new teachers.

The PSIC is working closely with the pre-school staff from Greenwich Public Schools to plan activities and schedules for next year.

Data and Measurements:

GUW 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. GUW staff is organizing data from the school year to prepare end of year reports.

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

II. Human Services Technology Solutions Update:

GUW continues to work with CCI leadership and VisionLink to implement the program. GUW staff has completed the development phase of the information/referral and case management prototype and is preparing for a soft launch.

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



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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 and launch Finance Champions in the fall.

Reading Champions- G UW staff met with GPS content/curriculum staff in early June to make program adjustments for the fall. Changes will be made to the RC curriculum and tracking of progress to more closely align with the curriculum changes in the district to improve fluency.

RC Data and Measurements- G UW staff is in the process of collecting program data and student progress for the end of the year.

Finance Champions- G UW staff, Boys and Girls Club staff and committee member, Nancy Kail, will meet in July to plan for fall activities.

Math Champions- The group meets at least once a month to discuss program content, staffing, and implementation strategies. They are planning to pilot the program this summer.

Greenwich Junior United Way (GJrUW): GJrUW members and other local teen leaders organized the Together We Shine event on 6/8. Approximately 300 people attended the event. Local businesses and individuals donated items to support the event.

Fund Development & Marketing Committee Report: Diane Viton - Chair

Sole Sisters Luncheon – Update from Kirsten Riemer

Total revenue from the luncheon was just over \$270,000!

There isn't much update yet regarding Sole Sisters 2020. Graci and I are sitting down with a potential co-chair next week. Fingers crossed! Aside from that, I have been brainstorming and collecting suggestions for potential speakers. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Golf Event – Update from Mario Forlini

May 2020 at Greenwich Country Club

Although the golf event took place in May, we have not had a "wrap-up" meeting. I believe this being our 3rd golf event that we've seen continued progress and improvement. The event was a blast, attendance was up and people appeared to have fun and to be generous. We had 82 golfers which was an increase of 9 from last year and 2 away from a sellout. We are still waiting on the final bill from the club, but looks like we will hit the budgeted goal.

Brew Ha Ha – Update from Jeremy Nappi

Save the Date: **Friday, September 27** at Eastern Greenwich Civic Center.

Nicole Kwasniewski, Kristen Forlini, Clarena McBeth, Carey Giannetti and Alyssa Scott will all chair the event this year. The first committee meeting was June 12.



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Annual Campaign – Update from Jaime Eisenberg

The only main item to report on campaign is that we are wrapping up and following up with any outstanding donors. We are at approximately 99% of budget!

Marketing – Update from Karen Hopp of Bazini Hopp

Following are a few clips from May and June and attached are social posts from the past month. Liz and I are scheduled to meet with David and Jeremy next week to discuss the continuation of PR.

May

Reading Champions celebration — coverage included:

- Greenwich Time: [Greenwich United Way celebrates hundreds of Reading Champions](#)
- Greenwich Free Press: [Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Honors 45 New Reading Champions](#)

June

"Together We Shine" event in partnership with Abilis — coverage included:

- WGCH
- Greenwich Sentinel: [Students Invited to 'Together We Shine' Event](#)
- Greenwich Free Press: [Greenwich Jr United Way To Host 2nd Annual "Together We Shine" Red Carpet Celebration for Abilis](#)
- Greenwich Patch: [Greenwich Junior United Way Hosts 2nd Annual "Together We Shine"](#)

Governance Committee Report: Bill Finger - Chair

Nothing to report

Grants Committee Report: Erin McCall - Chair

Committee met on Friday, June 7th and Monday, June 10th to review applications and delegate funding.

Applications have improved due to David meeting with each of the agencies, providing sample applications and feedback. However, still had some confusing data/information or lacking of substance/detail. When messaging of the funding amount, David will also provide feedback which will assist them in future applications. Additionally, we determined that we will hold a couple "How to write a grant application" workshops that we will require participants to attend prior to next round of applications.

We allocated \$320K in this 2nd round. The committee and team is getting smarter in the level of detail we are reviewing, making sense of financials, getting the agencies commitment to gather data and have success metrics, evaluating how robust and "solid" their program is and how it impacts Greenwich residents. We are wanting to ensure our donors money is being spent in the best way possible.

Huge thank you to the committee (Karen, Diane, Grace, Joui), David, Rob and Jeremy!



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Human Resources Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair

Nothing to report

Nominating/Officers Nominating Committee Report: Frank Carpenteri – Chair

The Nominating Committee held its May meeting on Thursday May 23rd.

The committee continued to discuss existing candidates for Board consideration and selected a handful of candidates to meet with in order to discuss next steps.

The committee discussed the proposed new board calendar and its impact on the Nominating Process. All community volunteers agreed to continue to serve for an additional six months, in order to serve through until June 2020 elections.

Since the board calendar is essentially allowing for six more months of recruiting, it was decided that the Committee would continue to meet with candidates that it had already made contact with but otherwise hold off until after summer to pursue new candidates.

Strategic Initiatives Committee Report: Brook Urban - Chair

Nothing to report