



## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2020

**Audit Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

**Community Planning Council (CPC) Committee Report: Nicole Kwasniewski - Chair**

Thursday 1/30 at 8:30am, Topics: Domestic Violence/Personal Safety, Basic Human Needs, Mental Health/ Substance Abuse

The CPC broke-off into three groups and each group focused on one of the three topics areas: Domestic Violence/Personal Safety, Basic Human Needs, Mental Health/ Substance Abuse. Those groups were facilitated by:

Leslie Coplin (YWCA) - leading a group discussion on domestic violence/personal safety  
Duncan Lawson (Neighbor to Neighbor) - leading a group discussion on basic human needs  
Deb Katz (Kids in Crisis) - leading a group discussion on substance abuse/mental health

Below are some questions that were covered in the group discussions:

What are the primary causes contributing to the issue?

What population(s) are impacted?

Who needs to be at the table/key stakeholders?

What, if any, are the barriers to receiving service?

What is currently being done and how can we improve it?

What other, processes, initiatives and legislation could the Town focus on or adopt to fix the issue?

What departments or agencies are working together to solve this?

What alternative or innovative solutions does your group suggest moving forward?

At the February CPC meeting, these groups will get together again and develop a Topic Area Action Plan.

**Next Community Planning Council Meeting:**

Thursday, 2/27, 8:30 am, Greenwich YMCA, Topics: Domestic Violence/Personal Safety, Basic Human Needs, Mental Health/ Substance Abuse



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

Reporting Period: January 2020

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 program and expanding/enhancing Youth Impact (YIP) programs. The Committee met in January to discuss project timelines, staffing, event planning, research and program data, fiscal monitoring, program improvement strategies and partner relations. The Committee will meet again on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **I. Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions Update:**

Staffing: The program is fully staffed.

Data and Measurements: G UW staff had a meeting with Dr. Toni Jones about her goals and plans for addressing the achievement gap. Related to that, staff had an open discussion Dr. Jones on the data and analytical tools the district uses to track and collect achievement data. She noted that they do not have access to live student data and that she and the data administrator are actively working to improve their data systems and analytic tools. The district is looking to purchase a new software system by July 2020. G UW leadership has a follow-up meeting scheduled on 2/6, with Dr. Jones and the data administrator, to review the current data sharing MOU and discuss better ways to track and analyze achievement gap data moving forward.

Fiscal: G UW staff continues to review all invoices and supporting documentation to ensure accurate payment. G UW staff received and reviewed the August and September invoices in October.

Development: G UW staff completed an application for Town Community Development Block Grant Funds for the program. G UW is looking into applying for a grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation.

#### **Greenwich Parents as Teachers (GPAT)**

Program Updates: Overall, GPAT is operating smoothly and FC program staff completed all program reports on time. G UW staff and GPAT continued their bi-monthly program meeting. GPAT staff are working with the local Women Infant and Children (WIC) office to increase recruitment and improve partner relations. The new Parent Educator is still transitioning into her new role and slowly building up her caseload, she currently has 10 families on her caseload. There are 32 families currently enrolled in GPAT. Nine of the 32 families received additional income support from the Giving Fund. Each case in the Giving Fund includes an estimated dollar amount that would help a local person or family pay their rent, child care costs or transportation.



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Data and Measurements: G UW continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements. G UW staff is in the process of reviewing assessment and screening data from program participants with Family Centers program management on 2/4.

### **Pre-School Instructional Coach (PSIC)**

Program Updates: Overall, instructional coaching is going well and the PSIC and Early Childhood Expert (ECE) continue to meet weekly to discuss program barriers and make improvements. The PSIC is still in the process of recording her second round, of four observations. She utilized the *Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT)*.

G UW staff is still communicating with YMCA leadership regularly about the YMCA pre-school closing. G UW staff is actively looking to pursue new partnerships to continue serving low-income families in community-based pre-school programs. G UW staff had a meeting with the Cos Cob Pre-School leadership team on 1/27, to learn more about their program and the families they serve and the G UW ECAGS program. G UW staff is in communication with Little Friends pre-school and is waiting to schedule a meeting to meet with their staff and learn more about their pre-school program.

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

### **II. Human Services Technology Solutions Update:**

G UW continues to work with CCI leadership and VisionLink to implement the program. G UW staff continues to conduct multiple program meetings with CCI leadership and staff to ensure a successful adoption and to help staff with challenges around data entry and collection.

G UW staff had exploratory conversations with the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich and the Commission on Aging about their implementing HSTS.

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. An overview of the programs is outlined below.



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Development: In December, G UW received an award for the Reading Champions program from the Horseneck Donations Committee. G UW staff submitted an application for funds from the First Congregational Church in Greenwich.

Reading Champions (RC): G UW staff is in process of collecting and analyzing mid-year data. In addition, a mid-year summit is being planned for all volunteers in March, at Town Hall, to receive their feedback and provide an update on the program.

Finance Champions: G UW staff, Boys and Girls Club staff and DI committee member, Nancy Kail, are expected to start the spring semester in February. Students are in the process of enrolling in after-school programs.

Greenwich Junior United Way (GJrUW): GJrUW continued youth leadership building activities. They are working on planning spring projects and the Together We Shine event.

### **Fund Development & Marketing Committee Report: Diane Viton - Chair**

#### **Sole Sisters Luncheon – Update from Kirsten Riemer**

- To date 189 patron level tickets sold, which is 60 tickets ahead of same time last year. We expect the luncheon to sell out!
- The physical invitation will go in the mail in late February/early March at which time the base level tickets will be available for purchase (\$325).
- We are continuing to work on securing corporate sponsors.

#### **Golf Tournament – Update from Mario Forlini**

Event on Monday 5/18 @ Greenwich Country Club

- Held our 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting on 1/30
- 2020 target of 88 golfers (would be nice increase from 81 in 2019)
- Productive discussions regarding:
  - Expanding committee
  - Golfer gifts
  - Costs (will keep at same as last year \$600/person and \$2300/foursome)
  - Special guests attempts
  - Pros/cons of last several years
  - Next meeting will be Thursday 2/20 @ 9:30am
  - We will open registration ASAP

#### **Annual Campaign – Update from Jaime Eisenberg**

Annual Campaign gifts are still coming in from the last solicitation and are still ahead of pace of last year. We are developing our next solicitation to go out in the next few weeks. Diane has prepared a Board exercise that she will be debuting shortly. Jeremy, Diane and Jaime are meeting on Wednesday 2/19 for our next steps with Annual Campaign.



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### Marketing – Update from Karen Hopp of Bazini Hopp

- New Board Chair and Board members
  - Announced this week; GFP covered the news
- Grant Reception (next week)
  - Press release drafted and media will be invited to attend
- Needs Assessment
  - Survey mailings scheduled to arrive next week
  - Contacting media to speak with David about the importance of the survey and to garner responses
  - Flyers and post cards designed to be distributed throughout town by GJrUW
- Sole Sisters
  - Social media promo posts underway
- Community Outreach
  - David scheduled to participate in Rotary event March 18
  - PTAC panel in the works (details TBD)

### Direct Impact Programs – Update from Anne Sherrerd

Continuing the process begun under previous chair, Ken Mifflin, the committee will be scheduling its first planning meeting of the new year for the coming month.

### **Governance Committee Report: Bill Finger - Chair**

Nothing to report

### **Grants Committee Report: Erin McCall - Chair**

- The Grants Committee updated the Board in the January Board Meeting of the process, improvements noted as well as areas of opportunities the agencies still have.
- Additional funds remain and a planning committee is being put together in terms of identifying a need and program that the remaining funds could go towards. Will send out RFP once identified.

### **Human Resources Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus – Chair**

Nothing to report

### **Nominating/Officers Nominating Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair**

Nothing to report

### **Strategic Initiatives Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair**

Nothing to report