



BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – JULY 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: Joui Hessel - Chair

Nothing to report

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

Reporting Periods: June 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 June to discuss project timelines, staffing, event planning, research and program data, fiscal monitoring, program improvement strategies and partner relations. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th.

The COVID-19 public health crisis continues to have an impact on all programs. The DI Program Committee also reviewed a program proposal from Family Centers seeking funding for its Family First in Education program. Family First in Education is a two generational program that improves family and education outcomes for high need elementary school students. With a focus on parent engagement and structured after school programming, Family First positively impacts overall family wellness, school and community engagement, academic growth in reading and math and social/emotional development. During the 2019-20 academic year they served 78 students and their families. G UW staff has been in multiple discussions with impact partner leadership and key stakeholders around access to affordable and quality childcare for Greenwich families. The YMCA recently closed its Early Learning Center and leadership from several childcare facilities in town have reported the uncertainty around keeping their childcare facilities open, without incurring a larger deficit, this fall and beyond. In addition, childcare operators have reported that summer enrollment is down more than normal.

I. Early Childhood Achievement Gap Solutions Update:

Staffing: The program is fully staffed.

Data and Measurements: G UW staff has been in ongoing conversations with Greenwich Public Schools (GPS) to discuss district achievement gap data. Staff expects to receive some data in July.



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G UW staff continues to work with Family Centers' leadership and Greenwich Public Schools to monitor the impact of distance learning. GPS will use Linkit this fall, an instructional planning platform which allows for real time data with analytics and is tied to the State Common Core standards. G UW staff continues to work with our partners to identify trends and formulate solutions as the public health crisis evolves.

Fiscal: G UW staff continues to review all invoices and supporting documentation to ensure accurate payment. G UW staff received the May invoice in July. G UW staff continued budget meetings with Family Centers' leadership to discuss next year's program budget. The final budget was included in the final YR3 GPAT Program Agreement.

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 staff continued their regularly scheduled program meetings. For now, almost all these parent educator visits are conducted remotely. It has not yet been determined when live visits will resume but we expect it to start in the fall. Clients continued to access funds raised by the CT United Way to support GPAT families with basic essentials during the COVID-19 crisis. Families have access to \$200 which can be used to purchase basic essentials. In addition, Family Centers applied for G UW COVID-19 Relief Funds to support 35 GPAT families. Each family will receive a grant of \$400. Virtual Group Connections continue to occur and the topics for June included: Nutrition and COVID-19 and Children's Health and Summer Safety.

The biggest needs since the crisis include: unemployment/reduced hours, food access, rent support, assistance with utility bills and diapers.

The GPAT Annual Performance Report (APR) to the National PAT Office is due in June and the G UW staff will have access to the results in July.

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

Pre-School Instructional Coach (PSIC) -

Program Updates: Virtual instructional coaching has been taking place since the pre-school closures and the PSIC and Early Childhood Expert (ECE) continue to speak weekly to discuss program barriers and make improvements.

The PSIC has continued the virtual coaching model while the Early Learning Centers are closed and has conducted distance learning with families. The closure and possible re-opening of sites continues to present many challenges for working families and for the teaching staff. Family Centers opened on July 6th with reduced enrollment, approximately 90 children.



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G UW staff met with Family Centers' pre-school leadership to discuss their plans to re-open their pre-school sites and how that might affect coaching sessions moving forward. Guidance is changing week-to-week and G UW staff will meet with FC pre-school leadership to review how the first week of re-opening went and use that to plan moving forward. In addition, the PSIC has started to support teachers in the Head Start classrooms and Infant/Toddler classrooms. Family Centers applied for G UW COVID-19 Relief Funds to support 95 Early Learning Center families in our ECAGS program. Each family will receive a grant of \$400. G UW staff will receive a monthly report on how these funds were used going forward.

G UW staff is working with FC staff to finalize the YR3 PSIC Program Agreement. Data and Measurements: G UW staff continues to review and analyze data for accuracy and make program improvements. G UW will continue to monitor the shift to distance learning and its impact on student learning and the achievement gap. G UW staff released a staff survey to collect information on the impact of coaching.

II. Human Services Technology Solutions Update:

G UW staff continues to work with CCI leadership to effectively use the VisionLink software to support service delivery.

III. Youth Impact Programs Update:

Reading Champions: G UW staff continues to work with summer programs at the YWCA and Boys and Girls Club to pilot a virtual program this summer. As of now, the guidance from GPS is that no volunteers or guests will be allowed in school buildings this fall. This will have an impact on our program design and future work with volunteers. G UW staff will meet with GPS leadership, after July 24, when GPS plans to submit their back-to-school plan for this fall.

G UW staff distributed books, medals and certificates to the after-school programs but is still working out efforts with GPS on how and when to distribute end-of-year materials to GPS students, this might happen this fall.

Greenwich Junior United Way (GJrUW): GJrUW continues to host weekly, virtual meetings. Members continue to collect basic essentials for local nonprofit organizations and has supported CCI with virtual tutoring.

Finance Committee Report: Debra Hess – Chair

Nothing to report



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Fund Development & Marketing Committee Report: Diane Viton – Chair

Sole Sisters Luncheon – Update from Kirsten Riemer

Event rescheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at Greenwich Country Club

We continue to monitor the CT State guidelines for gatherings and have brainstormed ideas with Jeremy for a virtual or decentralized event.

Golf Tournament – Update from Mario Forlini

Event rescheduled for Monday, October 5 at Greenwich Country Club

Golf event also booked for June 2020. Committee calls and efforts will resume as we get a bit closer and feel more confident that our fall tournament will happen.

Brew Ha Ha – Update from Alysse Scott

Event scheduled for Friday, October 16 at Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

We are still working towards our next committee meeting on July 22nd. We're in a bit of a holding pattern while we await for more information.

Annual Campaign – Update from Jaime Eisenberg

Nothing to report

Marketing – Update from Karen Hopp of Bazini Hopp

- Social Media
 - Created posts for multiple status updates on COVID-19 fund and grant recipients.
 - Created testimonials for partner organizations/grant recipients
- Media Relations
 - Submitted nomination on behalf of GUW/David for Moffly Media's "Light A Fire" issue.
 - Began creating marketing collateral for media outreach regarding comprehensive impact of GUW COVID-19 fund and network.

Direct Impact Programs – Update from Anne Sherrerd

Nothing to report

Governance Committee Report: Bill Finger - Chair

Nothing to report



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Grants Committee Report: Erin McCall - Chair

Refer to COVID Grants spreadsheet for updates

Human Resources Committee Report: Eva Maria Janerus - Chair

Nothing to report

Nominating/Officers Nominating Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair

The Nominating Committee has met three times since April and compiled a list of potential candidates for the Board. Outreach will begin this summer.

Strategic Initiatives Committee Report: Grace Djuranovic - Chair

Nothing to report