



Regular Meeting

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Monday, October 10, 2022

5:00 PM

Pellissippi State Community College

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 5:02pm**
2. **ROLL CALL – T. Baker; S. Taylor; D Porter, G. Underwood; B Lyons; M. Best; G. McKenzie**

Excused – B. Hardin, R. Olum, A. Olds; Dave Miller

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – M. Best; S. Taylor**

Monday, September 12, 2022

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXTRAORDINARY MATTERS -**

Charles Lomax – Introduce – United Way Speaker (as the perspective fiscal partner – “holder of the funds”) – Conversation with United Way and KAUL

Brewton Couch, UWGK Chief Strategy Officer - 5:07 to speak – Executive Committee has met and has approved United Way to go ahead with the Partnership - Provide the service to the Task Force in any capacity.

Questions to Ms. Couch and partnership – M. Best – how common is the UW to be a fiscal agent – Couch - serves to many organizations and hold funds for distribution funding only – such as, the Cares Act program – T. Baker – Simple involvement or another involvement if asked; Couch – T. Baker – Turnaround time - Couch – in a short amount of time - C. Lomax – some of the funds will stay with the City of Knoxville - G. Underwood – do you support the KAUL – Couch _ yes, UW funds the KAUL – Underwood – with the City of Knoxville – Couch - COVID 2.0 funds from the City; Financial empowerment Center – American Rescue Funds - Fees associated with the distribution money - No admin fees unless have a more active roll – then there would be administrative fees;

T. Baker – Conflict of interest with organizations – Couch – No conflict;

Underwood – Can the Task Force as the UW for funds – Couch – Feels like we could do both

B Lyons – Same question - as George Underwood – Couch - No conflict for TF to ask the United Way for funds.

T. Baker – KAUL – Enhancing work that is already being done by the Urban League – Longevity of the Money - Possible Financial Empowerment Center at the KAUL –

Per Charles Lomax - RFP – to be put out by the City for the organization that can apply for the Financial Empowerment Center (such as, Operation Hope; KAUL, KLF, UW – and others); Evaluation Committee to be formed – Lyons – have a representative on the Evaluation Committee – will check with City's Purchasing Department

C. Lomax – Wants KAUL to possibly receive funds; therefore, not give them the partnership to be the fiscal agent –

Underwood – November meeting to ask P. Nichols, T. Carter, and F. Harris to attend for the KAUL

McKenzie – Our November meeting to be held at the KAUL

5. STAFF REPORT

a. Tiffani Toombs, Grant Specialist – Introduction by C. Lomax –

Updates from TT – one month on the job – scheduling one – on –ones with Task Force members ' joined the Grants Professional platforms database, attending meetings,

C. Lomax – has been extremely impressed with her work so far. Reach out to TT any time to assist us

G. Underwood – help us understand your background – new to grant writing space

b. Baker Center Fellowship Intern – C. Lomax – Introduction to Intern for the Task Force – will work with TT – Jordan Jamison

(Junior at the UT) Budget Amendment – help fund Baker Center fellows (\$16 an hour for the interns)

B. Lyons – Helped to bring interns on – Jordan will help TT and focusing on grant money; also resources at the UT and will help with the research. Jordan starts 101122.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive – Around the framework – guide the task force moving forward – and need research – investment framework – the charge of the Executive Committee

b. Community Engagement – M. Best - Date for the Community Engagement – February 18, 2023 for the event to happen (10-2pm) at possibly the Beck; Potential invitees and feedback – what are the printed materials needed and handout to give out about the Task Force

c. Investment – A. Olds; D. Miller at the meeting, but not present to give the report

a. Investment Framework- Bylaws – article 5 – Section 3 - section A – what does the Committee do? C. Lomax – the duties of the Investment Committee are: to in conjunction with the grants specialistdisparities and infuse funds into the community –

G. Underwood – make sure for follow-up –

S. Taylor – spell out accountability – reporting structure and follow-up –funds to be accountable

C. Lomax – may be another committee - need task force members on at least one committee. Please supply the secretary with a written report

Executive /Community Engagement – 5pm

Investment Committee – 6pm on the first Monday

7. PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

Investment Framework – Accessing the funds; but the education of organizations doing the work (what and the impact and build capacity;

C. Lomax – Housing – there is a need for our community, etc. – this is a draft and needs to be worked on a little more – where TT can look for funds;

How to invest said funds –

B Lyons – Foundations that may have funds for certain items

G. McKenzie – Identification of priorities – possible case studies of families - two or three case studies (families). Much discussion

M. Best – Program that is already in place – TANF Opportunity Act Funds – A portion of those funds – financial counseling

Funding the Financial Empowerment Center - \$125K going to the FEC – Knox County is matching those fund (\$125K) – An Additional \$125K for the opening of FEC; what can they be used for

S. Taylor – are we not supposed to be focused on strategies for solutions for the community. Identify objections from an equity

T. Baker – Look at the Pathway – to the outcome – but the strategies (much discussion)

M. Best \$25M at the United Way – KLF; (as a partnership with other organizations)

G. McKenzie - \$35M in Strategic Investments Community Assistance Using Federal Pandemic Relief Funds – City of Knoxville

Cl. Lomax –

T. Baker – Where do we need to be tabled? - In the community

C. Lomax - Charge back to the Investment Committee – Commitment of the Task Force –

B. Lyons –

C. Lomax – Appreciative to the County for their participation with the FEC - \$125K

A fee for the use of PSCC for this week.

8. PUBLIC FORUM – No public forum representative to speak

9. ADJOURNMENT B Lyons – Seconded by M. Best - (6pm)

Next Meeting: November 14 at 5:00pm at TBD