



## *Meeting Notice*

**Research Advocacy Public Policy Committee**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Tuesday March 12th, 2024**

**Virtual**

1730 W. North Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53205

**3:00p – 4:00p**



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**AGENDA**

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| 1. Call to order                                      | Chair, Donna Brown-Martin |
| 2. Roll Call  |                           |
| 3. Compliance with the Open Meetings Law              |                           |
| 4. Adoption of the March 12th, 2024, Meeting Agenda   | Action                    |
| 5. Approval of the January 19th, 2024 meeting minutes | Action                    |
| 6. Updates: Government Affairs                        | Information               |
| 7. Updates: Agency Infrastructure                     | Action/Information        |
| 8. Updates: IRSP Infrastructure                       | Information               |
| 9. New Business                                       | Information               |
| 10. Old Business                                      | Action                    |
| 11. Adjournment                                       | Action                    |

***If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call Abra Fortson – 414-906-2720***

**\*\*NOTICE** is hereby given that the Commission may convene in closed session to consider item (s) above pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c), (e), (f), and (g) Wisconsin statutes, and may reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed.

## **Research Advocacy Public Policy Committee Meeting Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The January 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 SDC Commissioners Committee: Research Advocacy Public Policy Committee Meeting met quorum and was called to order at 3:16p

### **Roll Call:**

#### **Present**

Donna Brown-Martin  
Melissa Buford  
Marjorie Rucker  
Serina Chavez

#### **Excused Absent**

### **Adoption of January 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 Meeting Agenda**

- Serina Chavez made a motion to accept November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Agenda
- The motion was second by Melissa Buford.
- The motion carried

### **Approval of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

- Marjorie Rucker made a motion to accept November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- The motion was second by Serina Chavez.
- The motion carried

### **Community & Government Affairs:**

SDC Executive Support & Governmental Affairs Manager, Abra Fortson, provided Government Affairs Update.

- 1) Abra discussed meeting with a foundation regarding funding for SDC's Racial Equity Institute. Concerns were raised about the name and lack of documentation. Fundraising and revenue generation ideas were proposed.
- 2) Abra discussed plans to invite Dr. Bernice King as a keynote speaker. Early childhood education advocacy was tabled for further discussion due to election year sensitivities.
- 3) SDC Community Relation Liaison Sharaka Berry demonstrated a mapping tool to analyze SDC district data on poverty, education, and health. The tool facilitates targeted communication and identifies overlapping legislative representation across maps. Clarification was requested on district boundaries shown.

### **Agency Infrastructure & Advocacy Request**

SDC Public Policy Manager, Jennifer Harris provided updates on SDC's strategic planning process and numerous research initiatives in the areas of maternal health, chronic disease, gun violence, and the housing stock. Funding applications were submitted to several organizations.

- 1) Strategic Planning Update
  - a) Tactical Taskforce Team Orientation
  - b) Vendor: Root Cause Analysis Training
- 2) Funding Conversation (Chair, Foundation, Jennifer Harris)
- 3) MySDC App
- 4) COOP Plan & DCF Sign Off (Site Visit)
- 5) Advocacy Request: None Received
  - a) A motion was made to approve the ECE Milwaukee Succeeds advocacy request by Marjorie Rucker. Serina Chavez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **IPSR Infrastructure**

Jennifer Harris also reported on the following:

- 1) RSAC Next Quarterly Engagement (Rescheduling)
  - a) Bylaws & Education Appointment
  - b) Revisiting IPSR High-Level Structure & Naming Convention/Funding
  - c) Research Vetting
- 2) Research Updates
  - a) D.R.IV.E. Research/Maps
  - b) A.s.c.e.n.d. U54 (Home Grant)
    - a. ThriveOn: Chronic Disease Research
    - b. UW-Climate Center
    - c. AHW Opioid/Opioid Settlement Fund
    - d. AHW Gun Violence Study
    - e. UCC Research Hub
    - f. Enrich Study
    - g. AHW:Housing Tipping Point Post Covid (Not Funded)

### **New Business:**

*None*

### **Old Business:**

*None*

### **Adjournment**

Melissa Buford made the motion to adjourn at 11:43a. Marjorie Rucker seconded the motion. The motion carried.