



*Meeting Notice*

**Research Advocacy Public Policy Committee**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Tuesday April 9, 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 April 9, 2024, Meeting Agenda  | Action                    |
| 5. Approval of the March 12, 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, March 12th, 2024**

The March 12th, 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  
Serina Chavez

#### **Excused Absent**

Marjorie Rucker

### **Adoption of March 12th, 2024, Meeting Agenda**

- Serina Chavez made a motion to accept March 12th, 2024, Meeting Agenda
- The motion was second by Melissa Buford.
- The motion carried

### **Approval of January 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

- Serina Chavez made a motion to accept January 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- The motion was second by Melissa Buford.
- The motion carried

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

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

- 1) Nomination papers for District 3, 4, and 5 elections are due March 12-13. If not enough candidates are nominated, write-in candidates will be accepted.
  - a) Commissioner Chavez asked what happens if no one runs; Abra said they would do targeted outreach to find replacements.
- 2) Abra provided updates on governmental affairs and executive support. Budget cuts prevented the youth summit and summit on poverty from occurring this year but they are planning future events.
- 3) Abra also announced that she will be participating in Stepping with the Stars and hopes to win.

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

SDC Public Policy Manager, Jennifer Harris provided updates on SDC's strategic planning.

- 1) Technical task forces have convened for strategic planning.
- 1) Commissioners were invited to join teams focused on education, housing, mental health.
- 2) A one-page marketing sheet on RAP is being created.
- 3) The mySDC app launched with referral tracking to follow.

### **IPSR Infrastructure**

Jennifer Harris provided extensive updates on internal and external research projects including participant recruitment completion, grant applications, and partnership studies. Poverty definitions and dissemination models are in development.

### **New Business:**

Committee chair Donna Brown-Martin shared that a transportation assessment report and reckless driving dashboard were recently completed and launched in partnership with UWM and the medical college. Data will help address reckless driving across municipalities.

### **Old Business:**

*None*

### **Adjournment**

Melissa Buford made the motion to adjourn at 3:57a. Serina Chavez seconded the motion. The motion carried.