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MEETING:	DESC Program Services Committee Meeting	DATE:	June 21, 2022
ATTENDEES:	DESC Committee / Board Members: Alice Thompson, Cal Sharp, Lena Barkley, Ric Preuss DESC Staff: Terri Weems, Chanelle Manus, Stephanie Nixon, Madelyne Bernard-Diab, Robert Shimkoski, Sara Azu, Elizabeth Hennessey, Leslie Griffin	LOCATION:	DESC Corporate Offices 115 Erskine, 2 nd Fl Detroit, MI 48201
		CALLED TO ORDER:	10:03 am
ABSENT:	Excused: Dannis Mitchell Unexcused: None	ADJOURNED:	10:56 am
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:	None		
FACILITATOR:	Alice Thompson, Committee Chairperson and Board Secretary	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	Alice Thompson called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.	
II. Agenda Approval / Minutes	<p>Alice Thompson asked for approval of the agenda for the June 21, 2022, meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Ric Preuss Seconded: Lena Barkley Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p> <p>Ms. Thompson asked for approval of the meeting minutes from the April 26, 2022, meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Lena Barkley Seconded: Ric Preuss Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	
III. Chairperson's Report	<p>Alice Thompson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the economic condition of the United States and the increase in food prices, cost of living prices, and gas prices. She shared that the committee and the organization's shared goal is to reduce poverty by providing training and ultimately jobs to the people of Detroit. She shared that it is becoming apparent that our education systems must focus on critical thinking and skills inquiry. 	https://midwest.edtrust.org/resource/24864/



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended that all Committee Members read the article compiled by the Midwest Education Trust, Still Stalled: 2022 State of Michigan Education Report, to get more background on the information and to understand the challenges we face as an organization, outside our scope of operations. 	
<p>IV. Career Center RFP Results Recommendation</p>	<p>Madelyne Bernard-Diab, Chief Operations Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared that DESC conducted extensive research to determine how best to continue providing Wagner-Peyser services being considerate of the new requirements. In the last committee meeting, the Committee discussed these changes to the Wagner-Peyser regulations and the requirement of state-level merit staff in the provision of these services going forward. Discussed the results of the research and the recommendation that DESC consider awarding a partial Wagner-Peyser contract amount to Downriver Community Conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasoning behind this recommendation was that DCC has done an excellent job of doing Wagner-Peyser services for us, over the past 10 years. Requested that the Committee approve giving DCC up to an additional \$1.29M in Wagner-Peyser funding, in addition to the funding of \$1.019M that was previously approved at our last Program Services Committee meeting. This brings the total funding level for DCC to no more than \$2.309 million. <p>Ms. Thompson called for a motion to approve the additional funding for DCC:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Lena Barkley Seconded: Ric Preuss Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	
<p>V. GDYT Update</p>	<p>Stephanie Nixon, Chief Programs Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided an overview on the status of the 2022 GDYT Program and updates to this year’s program. Shared that this year, GDYT and the Cities for Financial Empowerment have partnered with the City of Detroit’s Financial Empowerment Center to provide youth ages 18-24 the ability to receive free, one-on-one professional counseling assistance regarding debt, credit, and budgeting. Detailed the Career Pathways Plus (CPP) initiative that recruits, screens, and matches youth with businesses that offer specialized programs designed to prepare youth for occupations within their industry. Youth will be placed on a career pathway with companies that lead to high-growth career options and permanent employment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed GDYT’s training component that will offer opportunities to over 580 participants in high-growth, high-demand career sectors. For 2022, training has been expanded to ensure participants can 	

	<p>explore, pursue, and obtain curriculum-centered training that includes credentialed 6-week training in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Media Marketing ▪ Digital Consumer Education ▪ Work-based learning combined with reading and math remediation for high-school students needing support with credit recovery. 	
VI. CHC Update	<p>Che Peterson, Executive Director of the CHC Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the impact of the CHC Program across the City of Detroit impacting 4,777 residents in 1,903 households. • Detailed the intensive, restorative case management provided to an additional 1,026 client households. CHC assisted 206 households with applying for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA). • Shared that CHC referred 268 individuals to Detroit at Work programming. • Provided a success story Mr. W, a referral from the Friends and Family Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partnering with United Community Housing Coalition, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Association, Matrix Human Services and DTE Energy, CHC to assisted Mr. W with finding employment with Flex-n-Gate, submitted a Coronavirus Emergency Rent Assistance (CERA) application that was ultimately approved, which eliminated his rent delinquency and obtained two-month credit, putting him on a path to eliminating poverty. 	
VII. Public Comments	There was no public comment.	
VIII. Adjournment	<p>Alice Thompson called to adjourn the meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Ric Preuss Seconded: Lena Barkley Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Elizabeth Hennessey

Title: Administrator, Special Projects

Signature: /s/ E Hennessey

Date: 07/01/2022

DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED: _____ **Initials:** _____

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

