MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: MINUTES
March 31, 2015

Members in attendance: Chirlane McCray, Gabrielle Fialkoff, Henry Berger, Richard Buery, and Maya Wiley
Members absent: Laura Santucci
Officers in attendance: Darren Bloch, Leora Hanser, and David Sheehan
Also in attendance: Toya Williford, Emily Wurgaft, Amber Thiel, and Gloria Noel

I.   Business

Darren opened the meeting and presented the first order of business to adopt the minutes from the previous Board of Directors meeting on October 27, 2014. No edits were proposed to the minutes. Gabrielle moved to approve. Henry seconded. All board members voted unanimously to adopt.

Next, Darren moved to the adoption of the Audited Financial Statements and the A-133 OMB Circular for Fiscal Year 2014. On Wednesday, March 25th, the Audit Committee met with the independent auditing firm, McGladrey LLP, to review the audit. Maya moved to approve the adoptions of the audit and A-133. Gabrielle seconded. Richard abstained. The Board adopted the statements.

Darren proceeded to the third item of business, the Procurement and Grant Agreement Authorization resolution seeking to raise the limit of grants and procurements requiring only Executive Director approval from $100,000 to $250,000. Maya reflected that because the Board of Directors meets quarterly, operationally it would make sense to bring grants and procurements to the Board for ratification at the meetings. Richard agreed that the resolution had practical implications for Board meetings and proposed that notification before and ratification after grant agreements and procurements had been executed would be an important process. However, the directors agreed on a lower dollar threshold for procurements, updating the resolution to include: notification of the Board Chair and Vice Chair for grant agreements under $250,000; notification and written approval of grant agreements by the Board Chair and Vice Chair exceeding $250,000; authorization of the Executive Director to enter into a procurement under $25,000 with notification of Board Chair and Vice Chair; and, procurements exceeding $25,000 requiring the Board of Directors Audit and Finance Committee approval. Henry Berger approved. Maya seconded. All board members voted unanimously to adopt as amended.

Following, Darren moved to the resolution to approve the Fallen Heroes payment of $200,000 to the Daily News following the Mayor's Fund's fundraising efforts in December in honor of slain Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos and the broader NYPD community to support affected families and law enforcement during a difficult time. Richard Buery approved. Gabrielle Fialkoff seconded. All board members voted unanimously to adopt.

Finally, Darren moved to the last item of business: the Mayor's Fund PAAA Compliance, including the signing of a Fiduciary Acknowledgment and the Authorities Budget Office Online Training. The board members signed the Fiduciary Acknowledgment and agreed to participate in an online training on May 6, 2015.

II.   Executive Director Report

Darren opened his report by highlighting developments with the Build it Back Master Lease Pilot Program. Build it Back is partnering with New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) to aid homeowners who are having trouble finding short term leases.

Additionally, Darren highlighted the recent proposal for a second Social Innovation Fund. In mid-March, the Mayor's Fund secured $1M in pledges for a proposal focusing on the co-location of mental health services. The Fund will hear back on the status of the proposal in August.

Darren also highlighted that in the next few months the Mayor's Fund will be welcoming two new staff members: a Deputy Executive Director and a Finance/Programs Associate.

III.   Program Report

Toya Williford's program report provided an overview of the Mayor's Fund priority areas: youth employment services, mental health, and immigrant services.

Toya began by describing the creation of the Center for Youth Employment, a public-private partnership tasked with facilitating a collaborative effort among employers, city agencies, community based service organizations, and philanthropic leaders to build pathways to career success in our City. In 2015, the Center seeks to increase the City's summer jobs programs with 1,000 new private sector paid internships for summer, increase access to summer jobs for 1000 foster and shelter youth, expand college and career guidance in schools by training 1000 teachers. Additionally, the Mayor's Fund will waive the CUNY application fee for all NYC students.

Second, Toya described that the Mayor's Fund is partnering with Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the Fund for Public Health in New York to create a "NYC Roadmap for Mental Health in All Policies." The purpose of this effort is to develop a set of overarching goals for mental health care delivery and policy that will align services and funding to close large and prevalent gaps in care, and will ultimately reduce the burden posed by mental health and substance abuse conditions. Toya described that this effort seeks to shift how service providers deliver mental health care by infusing mental health and wellness into all City programs and policies.

Finally, Toya described the Mayor's Fund work around immigrant services. Toya described that the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) will serve as a leader in New York and nationally after the passage of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) by coordinating the work of community-based organizations, legal service providers, faith-based groups, and government partners.

IV.   Financials

Next, Krystelle provided a financial report to bring the directors up to date with the Mayor's Fund 2015 cash flow projections and efforts to bring the Fund in compliance with PAAA laws.

Maya Wiley moved to adjourn the meeting.
 First Lady Chirlane McCray seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leora Hanser
Secretary