

**Transitional Community Advisory Body
Record of Action, 12/08/25**

Meeting began at 5:39 PM.

Attendance:

Leslie Brown
Mariah Bruce
Rachel Corona
Loren Dalbert
Pastor Edward Harris
Bianca LaChaux
Walter McMath
Dr. Jalaima Nichols
Nnedi Obembe
Willie Robinson
Angela Butler-Owens

Absent:

Dr. LeJon Payne (but is online, sick)

Staff:

Jessica Travenia
Cassandra Youngblood
Peter Kim
Kendra Carr

Public Comment

None.

RECEIVE Officer Candidate Speeches and VOTE for Chair & Vice Chair

Nominees offered introductory remarks.

Members asked questions about how candidates would address “scope creep” and to describe experience to facilitate mtgs and move agendas.

Nominees for Chair (votes received):

- Ed Harris (11)
- Loren Dalbert (0)

Nominees for Vice Chair (votes received):

- Jalaima Nichols (8)
- Walter McMath (3)

Members commented their appreciation for all the candidates, the emphasis on the need for every member to contribute, and the reminder that the hard work is ahead. Suggestion to help keep time; Angela Butler-Owens has agreed to be timekeeper.

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None.

Motion by Walter McMath to accept and approve the election of Pastor Ed Harris as Chair and Dr. Jalaima Nichols as Vice Chair. Seconded by Mariah Bruce.

Aye: 11

Nay: 0

Motion passed.

REVIEW and DISCUSS Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Lead Entity for the FGCWN.

Staff: Provided an overview review of the RFQ

Key questions for TCAB consideration

1. Are service coordination expectations clear?
2. Do the qualifications reflect community realities?
3. What are the major eligibility criteria that feels most important?
3. Are we weighting organizational experience appropriately?
4. Are cultural-rooted practices fully represented?
5. What expertise must a lead entity have to steward the network?
6. This is a big job with lots of pieces. Would you apply? Why or why not?
7. There is a suggested budget. Is it adequate?

Pastor Ed Harris

- Our duty is to determine the “what”. The lead entity must determine the process.

Willie Robinson:

- Is the funding available adequate for the scope of services?
- Will we have an opportunity to further develop the infrastructure and staffing model?

Bianca LaCheaux

- Cultural competency is not lifted clearly enough in the text.

Dr. Jalaima Nichols

- Will need to provide evidence that they have had success in creating impact?
- How will they measure their success and outcomes? Are they even aware of how they will be assessed over time, in the future? What am I being held to under this contract?
- Sac visit made clear that the entity will need to have demonstrated success in building a network and craft relationships; the word “collaborate” must be lifted up, this is not their singular mission, this is a network

Mariah Bruce

- Do we weigh the “collaboration” area more heavily?

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Loren Dalbert

- We need the entity to train and develop others' ability to collaborate; create standards for collaboration and help providers meet those standards.

Angele Butler-Owens:

- Can we get the assessment/measurement tool from Black Child Legacy Campaign/Rose Family? Discussion ensued about the need to have work completed between meetings; suggestion of creating ad hoc committees was brought forward.

Pastor Ed Harris:

- Our responsibility is to design the opportunity, the “what”; it's the entity is responsible to design the “how to”.
- Will we be responsible for outreach, engagement for applicants?
- We have a site proposed for 2029, this creates a narrative that we are taking too long?

Leslie Brown:

- The entity will need to bring partners together; what social health and data resource tracking tools will they use, that allows them to track
 - Unite Us Platform
 - Find Health
- Cannot get caught up in programmatic areas or nuts of bolts about the how-to

Bianca LeCheaux:

- Need to be aware of the resources available and how to access those opportunities

Willie Robinson:

- Sometimes we move too fast and decide prematurely; would like to propose that move expeditiously but not recklessly. We need to be results oriented.
- The current proposed timeline is too fast and unrealistic.

NEED:

- Ad hoc committees – roles and focus areas
- Clarity on the rules for meeting
- What does success look like for the TCAB? What is expected from us? How will we measure success?
 - Inform the design and release of RFP and RFQ; it has all the information and qualities we want to see in an applicant
 - Receive updates from selected/recommended contractors
 - Provide input and help us avoid scope creep?
- Share ahead of time the highlighted data points/parts from feasibility study and implementation plan
 - Priority areas

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Narissa Harris: Executive Director must have cultural competency. This must be a top tier concern and priority in the hiring/scoring process.

Art Harris: Can MH providers apply?

Anonymous: Can small orgs and consultants?

Motion by Willie Robinson to direct staff incorporate edits to the RFQ, and work with the Chairs on the ad hoc and timeline and bring back to January meeting. Seconded by Angela Butler-Owens.

Aye: 11

Nay: 0

Motion passed.

RECEIVE Feedback from Equity Committee on Naming of the Federal Glover

Include Federal D. Glover name and illustrate the scope of the network.

The FG Holistic Wellness Collaborative (3)

The FG African American Community Wellness Network (5)

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The FG Umoja Holistic Network (4)

The FG Wellness Hub (2)

The FG Legacy Health Collaborative (2)

The FG Wellness Collective (2)

Network

Collective

Coalition

Collaborative

Web

Motion by Ed Harris to vote today. Seconded by Dr. Jalaima Nichols. Motion passes unanimously.

Vote:

The FG Holistic Wellness Collaborative (3)

The FG Community Wellness Network (5)

The FG

The FG Umoja Holistic Network (4)

Motion to name the hub **The FG Community Wellness Network** passed.

Next meeting: January 12, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM