

Maryland Council on Innovation and Impact

May 31, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Jonny Dorsey, *Chair; Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor on Innovation and Impact, Office of Governor Wes Moore*

Mark Lerner, *Honorary Co-Chair; Board Member, Baltimore's Promise*

Rachel Garbow Monroe, *Honorary Co-Chair; President and CEO, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation*

Darren Walker, *Honorary Co-Chair; President, Ford Foundation*

Beth Blauer, *Associate Vice Provost for Public Sector Innovation, Johns Hopkins University*

John Brothers, *President, T. Rowe Price Foundation and President, T. Rowe Price Charitable*

Matt Gallagher, *President and CEO, Goldseker Foundation*

Don Gips, *CEO, Skoll Foundation*

Jan Rivitz, *President and CEO, Aaron Straus and Lillie Straus Foundation*

Dr. Laura Herrera Scott, *Secretary, Maryland Department of Health*

Rafael López, *Secretary, Maryland Department of Human Services*

Carmel Martin, *Special Secretary, Governor's Office for Children and Senior Advisor to the Governor on Economic Mobility*

Paul Monteiro, *Secretary, Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation*

Vinny Schiraldi, *Secretary, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services*

Meryam Bouadjemi, *Senior Advisor and Chair of the Maryland Entertainment Council, Office of Governor Wes Moore*

I. Welcome

Governor Moore made a surprise appearance to thank the Council for being involved and to underscore the importance of partnership. The Governor shared that working closely with philanthropy enables the state government to innovate and move quickly to produce positive impact for Marylanders.

II. Meeting called to Order, Chair's Introduction, and Remarks from Honorary Co-Chairs

Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and attendees. Chair Dorsey shared that he and his team have heard from over 100 leaders from the private, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors throughout the past 18 months. He also shared his excitement to lead this work in partnership with the Council.

Honorary Co-Chairs Darren Walker, Rachel Garbow Monroe, and Mark Lerner each made brief remarks sharing their excitement for being involved in the Council and their enthusiasm for working together to scale innovations in the state and continue to work with the Governor, his leadership team, agency leadership, and the rest of the Moore-Miller administration.

Chair Dorsey reflected that sometimes philanthropy and government can be skeptical of each other, but the members of the Council see the power and potential of both groups, which is both special and rare. He underscored that everyone on the Council wants to build more powerful partnerships to advance shared missions.

Chair Dorsey also highlighted the cross-sector partnership between government, philanthropy, and the business community that resulted in the Maryland Tough Baltimore Strong Alliance, which raised over \$16M in response to the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse. He also highlighted that there are now 22 partnership liaisons that advance partnership efforts across the state agencies.

III. Partnership Updates

Secretary Laura Herrera Scott discussed the Maryland Department of Health's (MDH) partnership with Upstream USA. Maryland has one of the highest rates of unintended pregnancies and accessing contraceptive care is getting harder and harder in parts of the state and country. Last November, MDH announced a partnership to increase equitable access to care by providing education and training in healthcare settings. Upstream works with healthcare providers to understand and improve existing provider, documentation, and technical workflows to make reproductive health care more accessible to patients. This relationship is part of MDH's larger women's health action plan, which is focused on health equity for Black women and infant mortality.

Secretary Vinny Schiraldi discussed the Department of Juvenile Services' (DJS) Thrive Academy initiative. In partnership with Annie E. Casey Foundation, DJS was able to analyze 30,000 DJS cases to better understand the cases that involved gun violence. Understanding that shootings by people, adults, and juveniles are very concentrated, DJS landed on a focused deterrence approach that utilized data analysis and human intelligence to offer additional support to those most likely to be involved in gun violence. Thrive Academy launched in September 2023 and consists of DJS developing a life plan for each identified youth to help them stay away from gun violence and to find mechanisms to thrive. Over 90 youth have participated in Thrive Academy thus far and none of them have been shot. Pull Up Fund also supported Thrive Academy's expansion to Prince George's County.

IV. ENOUGH Act Updates and Discussion

Special Secretary Carmel Martin discussed the latest updates on the Governor's Office for Children's (GOC) work to prepare for ENOUGH Act implementation. The ENOUGH Act calls on cross-sector, diverse partnerships engaged in collaborative action with neighborhood residents. Three objectives of this work are: cradle-to-career education for all children; healthy and economically secure families; and safe and thriving communities.

Through the ENOUGH initiative, GOC is asking communities to form partnerships and to include representatives from government, local public school system, and community-based organizations. GOC also has funding to support local management boards that will be used to build the capacity of neighborhood-based organizations to execute on plans.

The ENOUGH Act consists of three types of grants to create community-driven cross-sector partnerships. The first will focus on partnership development, the second will be plan development, and the third will be for implementation. GOC has several partnerships with national partners that will help build tools that the communities can use. GOC is also building a fiscal map to allow communities to see what federal, state, and local resources are available to address the needs of children, youth, and families. GOC will also have dedicated staff that will spend their time in ENOUGH communities to identify additional resources and help support community members.

V. Adjournment

Chair Dorsey concluded the meeting.