



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

April 2016

- Meetings and conversations were held between the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership regarding education legislation, grants, partnerships, various initiatives, updates, MEP administrative business and more.
- The MEP congratulated and welcomed the new School Board President, Mark Sain, into his corresponding role as an Executive Partner of the MEP.
- MEP Executive Partner, Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, has changed its name to Employ Milwaukee.
- Mr. Randall met with Dave Knutson, Vice President – Government Affairs & Special Initiatives, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, regarding career development opportunities through the Department of Workforce Development and Employ Milwaukee.
- Mr. Randall met with Ray Allen, Secretary, Department of Workforce Development, in Madison regarding summer youth employment and special workforce development initiatives for Milwaukee.
- Introduction was made between Mr. Randall and Dr. Cheryl Maurana, Vice President for Academic Outreach at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), by Dr. John Raymond, President of MCW. They all discussed MCW's interest in participation in the MEP.
- Mr. Randall and Ceasar Stinson of MPS met regarding MPS and MEP legislative initiatives.
- Initial discussion was held between Dr. Terri Pigott, Dean of the School of Education, Loyola University Chicago, and Mr. Randall concerning a future presentation in Milwaukee by a team of faculty from Loyola. This would be a presentation similar to that given to local School of Education deans and staff on the MEP trip to Chicago on March 28th concerning the Loyola urban teacher program. A collaborative partner for this event is the Bader Foundation.
- Jess Tormey of the UW System Administration (UWSA) had discussion with Mr. Randall regarding an upcoming UWSA event being planned for in Milwaukee.
- Discussions continued with Stritch staff and MPS staff concerning the Cardinal Stritch University Literacy Program initiative.

- Work continued on the NSF Bioscience Initiative.
- Work groups of the HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) Initiative have been conducting conversations and have submitted initial reports on their discussions and ideas relative to the charge of each of their work groups.
- Final preparations were made for the third annual MEP HBCU Conference by the MEP and including MPS and Employ Milwaukee staff, members of HBCU alumni groups and MMABSE, and several other individuals. The conference was held April 25-27, 2016 in Milwaukee and was attended by 16 representatives from 15 HBCUs including School of Education deans and education faculty, presidents and their designees from:
 - Alabama State University
 - Albany State University
 - Bethune-Cookman University
 - Bluefield State College
 - Coppin State University
 - Delaware State University
 - Florida Memorial University
 - Grambling State University
 - Harris-Stowe State University
 - Lane College
 - Lincoln University
 - Mississippi Valley State University
 - Morgan State University
 - Rust College
 - Virginia State University

The purpose of the conference was to continue familiarizing HBCUs with the City of Milwaukee, MPS and its leadership, the MEP and the work of the MEP HBCU Initiative. The agenda of activities for conference attendees included: an overview of the HBCU Conference and Initiative by MEP Executive Director, Gerard Randall; presentation from MPS by leaders from the offices of Human Capital, Innovation and Information, and Organizational Development; an address from MPS Superintendent, Dr. Darienne Driver, and Q&A/discussion with her and her leadership team; a tour of the city; a visit to one of the College Access Centers with presentation by center staff; visits to Employ Milwaukee and MPS schools (Riverside University High School, Milwaukee School of Languages, Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School, and Milwaukee High School of the Arts) where they heard from various staff members, students and leaders, receiving much information about the schools and the district. Other activities included a reception with local HBCU alumni and entertainment by Golda Meir student drama members and the Milwaukee High School of the Arts Jazz Combo; and a panel discussion on, “*Enhancing the Pipeline*” of professional graduates from HBCUs to Milwaukee and the MKE Fellows Internship Program, which was also open to attendance by local business, education and community organization representatives. Panelists included: Dr. Kevin Rome, President, Lincoln University; Dr. Twana Hilton-Pitre, Associate Professor/Program Coordinator - Department of Educational Leadership, Grambling State University; Dr. Patricia Welch, Dean – School of Education & Urban Studies, Morgan State University; and John W. Daniels, Jr., Chairman Emeritus, Quarles & Brady / MKE Fellows. Information was

distributed on the MKE Fellows Internship Program. Major goals of the conference included encouraging HBCU institutions to develop or strengthen collaborations with MPS and encourage their graduates, particularly those who possess degrees and certifications in education or degrees in engineering, information technology or health care related fields, to consider employment in Milwaukee; and to have the MEP HBCU work group members from both HBCU institutions and Milwaukee spend some focused time meeting together to continue their discussions and work. Information was shared with work group members on analysis of the teacher pipeline in Metro Milwaukee. There was continued and added enthusiasm around the HBCU Initiative and the work groups as new members were added. They will continue their work following the conference.

There are six work groups and they are as follows:

- Work Group 1: Create an MPS Student Support Pipeline
 - Work Group 2: Create a Professional Educator Pipeline for HBCU Graduates
 - Work Group 3: Establish Professional Development Programs for MPS Educators
 - Work Group 4: Initiate Faculty Collaborations between HBCU & Milwaukee Institutions
 - Work Group 5: Establish Professional Development Opportunities for HBCU Students
 - Work Group 6: Create a Program Directory
- Work continued on the planning and sponsorship of the UNCF Governor's luncheon scholarship fundraising event, a facet of the MEP HBCU Initiative. Governor Walker and Mr. Randall will be co-hosting this event at the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center in Madison on June 2, 2016.
 - The monthly GE Foundation Business Leader Conference Call was held on April 21st. Participants heard about the SKILLS GAP from three different, yet intersecting perspectives—the non-profit sector, private sector and state agencies. One of the areas highlighted was why career readiness has emerged as a priority and how business can engage with states in ways that work. Mr. Randall participated in the conference call. Presentation materials were received.
 - Mr. Randall attended the Founder's Day Celebration of the Wisconsin Alumni Association – Milwaukee Chapter on April 13th. The speaker was Jerlando Jackson, Vilas Distinguished Professor of Higher Education, and Director and Chief Research Scientist at Sei LAB, UW-Madison. He presented, "*State of Affairs for African-American Males in Education: How Data Shapes the Narrative.*"
 - Mr. Randall participated in a Community Leadership Meeting at Mercy Memorial Baptist Church on April 7th. This was a gathering of knowledgeable community leaders to listen and take information back to the community regarding the Conflict Resolution Hotline they are planning to launch, with deciphering of protocol to diffuse violence.