



## MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

May 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 organized and hosted a meeting of the GEAR UP grant partners on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Representatives were present from all GEAR UP higher education partner institutions (Alverno, Marquette, MATC, Stritch, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee and UW-Oshkosh) and also the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. MPS Academic Office, College and Career Readiness, and GEAR UP staff gave a presentation and shared information, followed by a period of Q&A. This was an opportunity for partners to review the GEAR UP program as it approaches the end of its fifth year, review progress on the first cohort of students who will be submitting college applications, and discuss next steps and the future of the program as the grant renewal process is approaching.
- The north side College Access Center on Fond du Lac Avenue will be closing. MPS is working on returning services to high school locations. In addition, MEP, MPS and Social Development Commission (SDC) staff members are in discussions concerning the possibility of moving some services into space at the new SDC offices on 17<sup>th</sup> and North Avenue.
- Loyola University Chicago is in the process of identifying possible dates for when its faculty team could give the presentation concerning their urban teacher education program to Milwaukee educators.
- Discussions continued with Stritch staff and MPS staff concerning the Cardinal Stritch University Literacy Program initiative.
- Further discussion was held with National Science Foundation (NSF) program staff concerning the Bioscience Initiative. Work has continued on planning proposal modifications.
- Follow-up work to the HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) Conference and Initiative is in progress, including compilation of work and reports from the work groups and planning and discussions for next steps. Efforts also continue to add work group members and co-chairs where needed, especially from the local area.

- Work continued and final preparations were made for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> UNCF Governor's luncheon scholarship fundraising event.
- The monthly GE Foundation Business Leader Conference Call was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Two speakers, Larissa Littleton-Steib, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Technical Education at Delgado Community College in New Orleans, and Rebecca A Corbin, President & CEO at the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), provided insight on how entrepreneurship can be fostered in various models to address the skills gap and revitalize the economy. Mr. Randall participated in the conference call. Presentation materials were received.
- Mr. Randall participated in the Governor's Vision Event held at the Milwaukee County War Memorial on May 27<sup>th</sup>. This was a small group listening session to discuss with the Governor what is happening in the community and the direction of the State of Wisconsin. Participants completed a short survey in advance to prime the pump for the discussion.
- The University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) has been conducting roundtable discussions with multicultural leaders in Wisconsin, seeking counsel as it seeks to develop stronger partnerships with the multicultural community, build its new UW System Strategic Plan, and work to meet the diverse educational, workforce, and leadership needs. Mr. Randall participated in the Kenosha roundtable discussion at UW-Parkside and the Milwaukee roundtable discussion held at The University Club. Additional information review and input were provided and feedback data received. Major themes emerged including community collaboration, paid internships, targeted communication and marketing strategies, results-driven metrics and community-specific research geared towards addressing issues such as literacy, mental health and incarceration rates.
- The Boys & Girls Clubs MVP: Salute to Youth Dinner and Celebration took place on May 9, 2016. Mr. Randall attended the event.
- Mr. Randall and several others toured the St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care – North Side Bucyrus Campus at 2450 West North Avenue.