



## **MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT**

**June 2017**

- 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 and projects, updates, MEP administrative business and more.
- Mr. Randall and UW-Platteville Chancellor Dr. Dennis Shields met to discuss Schools of Education reform.
- School Board President Mark Sain and Vice President Larry Miller and Mr. Randall met on June 7th to discuss federal and state legislative initiatives.
- Dr. Jeff Senese, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cardinal Stritch University, and Mr. Randall met on June 19th regarding the MEP/Stritch/MPS Project Metro partnership. The objective is an expansion of seats for potential teacher candidates.
- Mr. Randall met with Cheryl Randall, Associate VP - Economic and Workforce Development & Grants at MATC, and Laura Bray, Executive Director of the MATC Foundation regarding the work of the MEP.
- Dr. Keith Posley, Chief School Administration Officer at Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and Mr. Randall met regarding the work of the MEP.
- Mr. Randall and John Daniels met on June 29th to discuss funding for MKE Fellows.
- Mr. Randall continued to have discussions with Ray Allen, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, regarding workforce development initiatives including summer youth employment and expansion of youth apprenticeship opportunities in Milwaukee.
- Mr. Randall participated in the Johnson Controls Neighborhood Initiative Stakeholders Meeting held on June 6, 2017. Grady Crosby, Johnson Controls' Vice President of Public Affairs/Chief Diversity Officer and Johnson Controls Foundation President discussed how Johnson Controls has engaged with its neighborhoods of focus (Havenwoods, Westlawn and Thurston Woods) in the past year as well as the strengths and needs of these neighborhoods. He also highlighted ways to continue working with these neighborhoods during the next year.
- Work continued on the Bioscience Grant Initiative. Changes were made to the NSF Bioscience Workshops Planning Grant Proposal and a new proposal was submitted.
- Ryan Daniels, Executive Director, Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, and Mr. Randall continued discussions and work around the MEP Literacy Initiative.

- Follow-up activities to the MEP HBCU Conference are in progress. These currently include:
  - Discussions about creating MOUs and a pilot model for Meharry Medical College and Howard University Medical School residents at Ascension and the Medical College of Wisconsin.
  - Discussions about the possibility of creating MOUs between Morgan State University and Columbia-St. Mary's, the Medical College of Wisconsin, and the Global Water Institute.
  - Continued collection of feedback on the conference and discussion about next steps.
  - In follow-up to Tuskegee University College of Engineering's interest in a partnership with Carver Elementary School and with the urging of School Board President Larry Miller, the MEP organized a meeting concerning this interest that included Mr. Randall, Katrice Cotton from MPS Office of School Administration, and the principal of Carver. Mr. Randall is following up with Tuskegee's College of Engineering Dean.
- Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative. These efforts included a meeting between Reggie Newson, VP of Gov't Relations and Chief Advocacy Officer, Ascension WI; Nichole Gladney, Director of Philanthropy, CSM Foundation Ascension; and Mr. Randall regarding a possible grant opportunity with the foundation.
- Walter Lanier, Director, Men of Color, Multicultural Affairs and Community Engagement, and Jonathan Feld, Director of Articulation & Transfer from MATC and Mr. Randall met to discuss the MEP, MATC and the HBCU Initiative. Work continued on the formation of articulation agreements between Lincoln University and MATC.
- Planning work continued for another Governor's UNCF Luncheon for this year.
- Bi-weekly planning meetings with Senator Lena Taylor's office continued for an upcoming college fair to include Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).
- Work continued to coordinate the activity to inform legislators of MEP Partners' common needs.
- The Early Education Task Force continues to meet regularly.
- Mr. Randall discussed with Carl Hampton of the University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) suggested speakers for the UWSA Diversity Council.
- Dr. James Loftus left his position as President of Cardinal Stritch University to take another position out of state. The MEP has appreciated his service as its vice president/vice chairman and president/chairman over the last few years. Vice President/Vice Chairman Ashanti Hamilton will now serve as Acting President/Chairman. Cardinal Stritch University is beginning the search process for its new president.
- UWM Chancellor Dr. Mark Mone hosted a welcome reception for Eve Hall as the new President of Milwaukee Urban League. Mr. Randall attended the event.
- Mr. Randall attended the Public Policy Forum's Salute to Good Government Event on June 20th.