

## Report of the Board's Delegate to the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP)

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January 25, 2018

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(1) 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 educational legislation, grants, partnerships, various initiatives and projects, updates, MEP's administrative business and more.

(2) The MEP Executive Partners held their monthly meeting on December 18.

(3) Mr. Randall and Dr. Jeffrey Senese, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cardinal Stritch University, met regarding Project METRO. Stritch will plan to provide an update on the program to the MEP's Executive Partners in January.

(4) Mr. Randall and John Daniels III met to discuss the MKE Fellows/MEP partnership.

(5) Planning continues for the Schools of Education Deans Summit to be held in summer 2018. Mr. Randall met with Jessica Tormey, Chief of Staff of the University of Wisconsin System Administration, to discuss the summit.

(6) Mr. Randall met with a group of UW Credit Union representatives at their headquarters in Madison concerning the School of Education Deans Summit and the Leading Men Fellows-Milwaukee Initiative. With great interest in the latter, the credit union's president plans to visit Milwaukee on January 26. The MEP will coordinate the visit.

(7) Ryan Daniels, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation (MPLF), and Mr. Randall met with American Family Insurance representatives in Madison regarding the MEP-MPLF Literacy Initiative.

(8) HBCU Initiative:

(a) Job Fairs/Recruitment

Planning is in progress for the spring-summer 2018 job fairs. This included meetings with the job fairs' coordinator. A meeting was also held with MPS's Chief of Human Resources and Senior Director-Talent Management. A conference call was held with representatives from Foxconn and from the Department of Workforce Development to discuss talent recruitment at HBCU schools of engineering. Work is being done with HBCU alumni associations for assistance in identifying potential candidates for teaching, engineering, and healthcare professions and in encouraging them to come to Milwaukee.

(b) Health Care Components

Mr. Randall and Reggie Newson from Ascension Wisconsin discussed the nursing recruitment-and-exchange program and next steps for developing a small pilot resident/intern program for HBCUs/Meharry Medical College. Additional leadership at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has been brought up to date on the project,

and the next meeting for staff from Meharry Medical College, Howard University, MCW, Ascension, and the MEP is being planned and scheduled.

(c) Funding Support

Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative/the 2018 HBCU Conference.

(9) Mr. Randall and Tracey Sparrow from Next Door-Milwaukee continued work and conversations with The Literacy Lab/Leading Men Fellows leadership and other people and organizations concerning a Leading Men Fellows Initiative for Milwaukee.

- (a) Work began on a training-and-recruitment grant application to the Department of Workforce Development.
- (b) A Letter of Inquiry/Intent was submitted to the Bradley Foundation, and permission was granted to submit a formal proposal.
- (c) Meetings were held with Dr. Sadique Isahaku, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at MATC, and Dr. Nancy File, ECE Program Chair, and other ECE faculty at UW-Milwaukee, to discuss a higher-education partnership.
- (d) Discussion was held with Dr. Tonya Adair, MPS's Chief Innovation Officer, and Dr. Juan Baez, Director of MPS's Department of Black & Latino Male Achievement.
- (e) Dr. Shandowlyon Hendricks-Williams from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Mr. Randall discussed the possible coordination with DPI programming and resources.
- (f) An MKE Fellows internship track is being established for implementation in summer 2019.
- (g) A trip to see the Leading Men Fellowship program in operation in Washington, DC, is being planned for February 2018. Nearly a dozen people thus far are planning to go, including two potential funders.

(10) Discussion has begun around a grant application for the possible revival of the IT-2000 program, with the goal of developing a cohort of 15 for summer 2019.

(11) Membership in the MEP's Executive Partners was discussed with potential members. The MEP has welcomed Dr. John Raymond, Sr., President and CEO of the Medical College of Wisconsin, to the Executive Partners.

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