

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2012-164
October 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Establishment – Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11) (2012 Supp.), it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

I. **ESTABLISHMENT**

There is hereby established in the government of the District of Columbia the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee").

II. **PURPOSE**

The Committee shall advise the Mayor on aspects of the District of Columbia's continuum of child welfare services, including prevention, early intervention, treatment, and sources of permanency (i.e., reunification, guardianship, kinship care, and adoption).

III. **DUTIES**

The Committee shall:

- A. Recommend approaches to improving coordination of services among public agencies responsible for the provision of child welfare services;
- B. Promote public awareness of programs and advise on public concerns relating to child abuse and/or neglect in the District of Columbia;

- C. At the direction of the Mayor, develop reports/plans regarding specific issues;
- D. Serve as the Multidisciplinary Task Force for the purpose of the Children's Justice Act Grants under Public Law 100-294, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1988;
- E. At a minimum, the Chairperson shall convene the Committee on a quarterly basis;
- F. Maintain meeting minutes; and
- G. Undertake such other duties as assigned.

IV. **COMPOSITION**

- A. Committee members shall be appointed by the Mayor based on demonstrated expertise of one or more disciplines relating to child welfare and/or represent the interests of the public in child welfare issues.
- B. The Mayor will appoint up to 11 non-governmental members that shall include but not be limited to representatives of:
 - i) Advocacy organizations that work on behalf of children and youth, i.e., health, mental health, education, legal, prevention of child abuse/neglect, and permanency.
 - ii) Community-based child welfare providers.
 - iii) Foster, adoptive, and birth parent advocacy groups.
 - iv) Universities, public policy organizations and research centers.
- C. The Mayor will appoint government representatives of the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department on Disability Services (DDS), Department of Health (DOH), Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the DC Superior Court Family Court Division, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and Office of State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) to the Committee.

- D. The Mayor shall appoint a Chairperson from among the non-governmental members and a Vice Chairperson from among the governmental members, both of whom shall serve in those offices at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- E. The Committee may establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary, provided that each subcommittee is co-chaired by a governmental member of the Committee.

V. **TERMS**

- A. Non-governmental members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. Non-governmental members of the Committee shall serve for 3-year terms except that of the members first appointed under this Order, one-third shall be appointed for 3-year terms, one-third for 2-year terms and one-third for 1-year terms. The date members first appointed under this Order are sworn-in shall become the anniversary date for all subsequent appointments.
- B. Government members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- C. A member appointed to fill an unexpired term may serve for the remainder of that term. Members may continue to serve until reappointed or replaced. Members may serve not more than two consecutive full terms.

VI. **COMPENSATION**

Committee members shall serve without compensation, except that a non-governmental member may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the authorized execution of official Committee functions, if approved in advance by the Mayor or designee, and subject to the appropriation of and the availability of funds.

VII. **ADMINISTRATION**

The Child and Family Services Agency shall provide appropriate administrative support, facilities and resources to ensure the effective operation of the Committee and the implementation of the requirements of this Order. All other appropriate government agencies will cooperate with the committee as needed.


VIII. **EFFECT ON PRIOR MAYOR'S ORDERS**

Mayor's Order 2009-17 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

IX. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.



VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

CYNTHIA BROCK-SMITH
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA