

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2012-150
September 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Establishment - The Mayor's Bullying Prevention Task Force

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(6) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11) (2012 Supp.), and pursuant to the Youth Bullying Prevention Act of 2012, D.C. Act 19-384, 59 DCR 7820, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. ESTABLISHMENT

There is established in the Executive Branch of the Government of the District of Columbia a Mayor's Bullying Prevention Task Force (hereinafter referred to as "Task Force").

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Task Force shall be to create and publicize a model city-wide Bullying Prevention policy, assist educational institutions and agencies in creating policies, and review the policies to determine their effectiveness.

III. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Task Force shall include:

- a) Providing guidance to the Mayor on the implementation of the Act;
- b) Within 180 days of the effective date of the Act, publicizing a model policy which contains the requirements under 4(b) of the Act;
- c) Assisting educational institutions and agencies with developing policies in accordance with section 4 of the Act;
- d) Compiling and making available to each agency, educational institution and grantee, a list of free or low-cost methods for establishing the bullying prevention programs authorized in section 7 of the Act;

- e) Within 180 days of receipt of the bullying prevention policies submitted pursuant to section 4(c) of the Act, reviewing each adopted policy for compliance with the requirements of section 4(b) of the Act; and
- f) Promulgating guidelines to assist the Mayor in evaluating the effectiveness of the bullying prevention policies that have been established.

IV. COMPOSITION

- a) The Task Force shall be composed of not more than twelve (12) voting members.
- b) The Task Force shall include:
 - 1. The Director, Office of Human Rights (OHR), or a designee;
 - 2. The Superintendent, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), or a designee;
 - 3. The Chief Librarian, DC Public Library (DCPL) or a designee;
 - 4. The Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) or a designee; and
 - 5. The President of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) or a designee.
- c) The Task Force may include *ex officio* members from among the following agencies:
 - 1. The Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), or a designee;
 - 2. The Director, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), or a designee;
 - 3. The Chair, DC Public Charter School Board (DCPCSB), or a designee;
 - 4. The Director, Department of Mental Health (DMH), or a designee;
 - 5. The Director, Department of Health (DOH), or a designee;
 - 6. The Director, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), or a designee;
 - 7. The Executive Office of the Mayor, Office of Neighborhood Engagement, or a designee;

8. The Director, Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Affairs (GLBT), or a designee;
 9. The Chief, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), or a designee;
 10. The Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG), or a designee;
 11. The Director, Office of Disability Rights (ODR), or a designee.
 12. The Chief Executive Officer, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA); and
 13. The Chief Technology Officer, Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO).
- d) The Task Force shall consist of community representatives, including:
1. One (1) Teacher;
 2. One (1) Administrator from an educational institution or agency;
 3. One (1) School mental health professional;
 4. One (1) Parent or legal guardian;
 5. One (1) Youth;
 6. One (1) Direct service provider; and
 7. One (1) Advocate.
- e) Non-District residents shall not constitute more than half of the Task Force.

V. TERMS

- a) Community representatives appointed to the Task Force shall serve for two (2) year terms, except that of the members first appointed, four (4) shall be appointed for two (2) year terms, and three (3) shall be appointed for a one (1) year term. The date on which the first members are installed shall become the anniversary date for all subsequent appointments.
- b) District government officials shall serve only while employed in their official positions and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

- c) The Mayor shall appoint members to fill vacancies in unexpired terms only for the remainder of the unexpired time of the terms.
- d) A member may serve beyond the end of his or her term until reappointed or replaced by the Mayor.

VI. ORGANIZATION

- a) The Mayor designates the Director of the Office of Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as "Director, OHR") to serve as Chairperson of the Task Force.
- b) The Task Force may elect other officers as it may deem necessary, and may determine rules of procedure, subject to the approval of the Mayor or Co-Chair, the Director, OHR.
- c) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as it deems necessary.
- d) The Task Force shall establish its own meeting schedule, but should convene no fewer than three (3) meetings each calendar year.
- e) The Task Force may utilize telephone conferencing or video-conferencing technologies in satisfaction of the annual meeting requirements.
- f) The Task Force may establish its own bylaws and rules of procedure, subject to the approval of the Mayor or designee.

VII. COMPENSATION

Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation except that reasonable expenses of the Task Force members may be reimbursed.

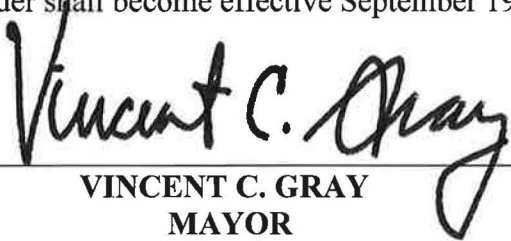
VIII. ADMINISTRATION

The Director of OHR shall coordinate and provide administrative and staff support for the work of the Task Force.


IX. SUNSET

This Task Force shall cease to exist two (2) years after its initial meeting; provided, that at the discretion of the Mayor, a one-year extension may be granted.

X. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective September 19, 2012.



VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

CYNTHIA BROCK-SMITH
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA