

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: March 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Report on PR 22-687, “Commission on Health Equity Maranda C. Ward Appointment Resolution of 2018”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 22-687, the “Commission on Health Equity Maranda C. Ward Appointment Resolution of 2018” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

CONTENTS

I.	Background and Need.....	1
II.	Legislative Chronology.....	4
III.	Position of The Executive.....	4
IV.	Comments of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions	5
V.	Summary of Testimony.....	5
VI.	Impact on Existing Law	5
VII.	Fiscal Impact	5
VIII.	Section-By-Section Analysis	5
IX.	Committee Action.....	6
X.	Attachments	6

I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On December 18, 2017, PR 22-687, the “Commission on Health Maranda C. Ward Appointment Resolution of 2018”¹ was introduced by Chairman Mendelson. The purpose of PR 22-687 is to appoint Ms. Ward as a Council appointee to the Commission on Health Equity (“Commission”). Ms. Ward will serve as a Ward 7 resident non-voting member of the Commission.

Ms. Ward serves as a Commissioner for ANC 7B03. Ms. Ward received her Bachelor of Arts in sociology and anthropology from Spelman College, a Masters of Public Health from Tulane University, and a Doctor of Education from George Washington University. She currently serves

¹ The title of the bill has been updated to reflect that the bill was introduced in 2017 but is being considered by the Council in 2018.

as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Clinical Research and Leadership at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. As a professor she teaches and designs the healthy equity curriculum for the undergraduate health sciences program at George Washington University.² In addition, Ms. Ward serves as a contracted qualitative researcher for the BUILD Health Challenge where she reviews and analyzes data to support collaborations that address social determinants of health. Furthermore, she serves as Co-Chair of the Action Research of American Graduate Student Action Research Committee; and on the Board for Girls Rock, Sibley Memorial Hospital Medicine Ward Infinity, and Adolescent HIV Prevention National Resource Center.

The Commission on Health Equity is the successor to the Commission on Health Disparities, established pursuant to the Commission on Health Disparities Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-192; D.C. Official Code § 7-755.01 *et seq.*). The Commission on Health Disparities was tasked with looking at ways to prevent chronic diseases, which “account for the huge disparities in health among residents in the city.”³ The Committee on Health noted that chronic diseases account for 6 out of 10 deaths in the city, and that African-Americans and residents of Ward 5, 7, and 8 are most likely to be impacted by chronic diseases.⁴ Furthermore, the report on the bill indicates that even though chronic diseases are common they are preventable through proper health care.⁵ The Commission on Health Disparities was to look at ways to improve the health outcomes of all residents of the District.⁶ Unfortunately, no one was ever appointed to the Commission on Health Disparities.

In 2016, the Council approved a subtitle in the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Support Act⁷ that repealed the Commission on Health Disparities and re-established the Commission as the Commission on Health Equity. The purpose of the re-established Commission is to examine health equity issues in the District and to advise the Department of Health, the Council, and the Mayor on solutions to address health inequities that exist in the District.⁸ The Commission is required to meet at least once a quarter to share findings regarding health disparities that exist in each ward of the District.⁹

The Commission consists of 17-members, 9 of whom are voting members.¹⁰ Six of the voting members are appointed by the Mayor, and three voting and three non-voting members are appointed by the Council of the District of Columbia.¹¹ The three non-voting members appointed by the Council must be community advisory members, one each from Wards 5, 7, and 8.¹² The

² Maranda C. Ward, Nominee, Testimony before the DC Council Committee of the Whole, 2, March 1, 2018.

³ Committee on Health, Report on Bill 20-572, the “Commission on Health Disparities Establishment Act of 2014”, Page 1, September 17, 2014.

⁴ *Id.* at 1-2.

⁵ *Id.* at 2.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Section 5043 of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Support Act of 2016, effective October 8, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-160; 63 DCR 10775).

⁸ D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01.

⁹ D.C. Official Code § 7-756.03.

¹⁰ *Supra* note 5.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

other non-voting advisory members of the Commission are: the Chairperson of the Council committee with jurisdiction over the Department of Health; one patient organization representative;¹³ the presidents or chief executive officers of two District hospitals, or their designees; and a representative from an insurance company, or his or her designee.¹⁴ The Mayor is responsible for appointing the Chairperson of the Commission from among the voting members.¹⁵ Appointed members of the Commission “shall have expertise in at least one of the following areas: (A) Health equity, social determinants, and health disparities; (B) Social and human services and vulnerable populations; (C) Early learning and education; (D) Minority communities and population health outcomes and improvement; (E) Economic and community development; and (F) Ecology and the natural and built environment.”¹⁶

Table 1: Membership of the Commission on Health Equity

Resolution #	Position	Appointee	Term Expiring:
PR 22-687	<i>Proposed Council Appointee (Non-Voting Advisory Member, Ward 7)</i>	<i>Maranda C. Ward</i>	<i>n/a</i>
R 22-146	Proposed Council Appointee	R. Daniel Okonkwo	July 7, 2018
R 22-121	Proposed Council Appointee	Alicia Wilson	July 7, 2018
R 22-122	Proposed Council Appointee	Christopher Selhorst	July 7, 2018
R 22-123	Council Appointee (Non-Voting Advisory Member, Ward 5)	M. Jermane Bond	n/a
	Council Appointee (Non-Voting Advisory Member, Ward 8)	Vacant	n/a
PR 22-97	Mayoral Appointee	Regina Davis Moss (Chairperson)	February 1, 2020
PR 22-98	Mayoral Appointee	Lori Kaplan	February 1, 2019
PR 22-99	Mayoral Appointee	Kamillah Wood	February 1, 2019
PR 22-100	Mayoral Appointee	Joseph Wright	February 1, 2020
PR 22-101	Mayoral Appointee	Autumn Saxton-Ross	February 1, 2020
PR 22-108	Mayoral Appointee	Ambrose Lane, Jr.	February 1, 2019
	Non-Voting Advisory Member (Chairperson of the Committee on Health)	Councilmember Vincent C. Gray	n/a
	Non-Voting Advisory Member (Patient Organization Representative ¹⁷)	Vacant	n/a
	Non-Voting Advisory Member (President/CEO of a District-based Hospital, or designee)	Vacant	n/a
	Non-Voting Advisory Member (President/CEO of a District-based Hospital, or designee)	Vacant	n/a
	Non-Voting Advisory Member (Insurance Company Representative, or designee)	Vacant	n/a

NB: PR numbers are listed for nominations that were deemed approved. Also, non-voting members serve an unlimited term.

¹³ A patient organization representative means an individual who works for a national or local healthcare or health promotion organization. (D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01(c)(2)).

¹⁴ *Supra* note 5.

¹⁵ D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01(b)(4).

¹⁶ D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01(b)(3).

¹⁷ Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01(c)(1)(C), the members of the Commission will be responsible for appointing a patient organization representative to serve on the Commission.

During the roundtable, Ms. Ward highlighted her experience working on health equity issues. She testified that she has conducted research on equity-based learning outcomes and her work contributed to improving health literacy.¹⁸ Ms. Ward’s extensive research experience on health equity matters will be a positive addition to the Commission. As a member of the Commission she plans to bring her interests, commitment, and experience in advancing health equity in the District as a civically engaged citizen.¹⁹ Moreover, she plans to use her position on the Commission to stay current with the policies directly impacting the health of Ward 7 residents.²⁰

The Committee supports Ms. Ward’s perspective to address health equity issues in the District and specifically in Ward 7. Further, the Committee believes Ms. Ward has the necessary experience to serve on the Commission as she has an expertise in: health equity, social determinants, and health disparities. The Committee recommends adoption of PR 22-687.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| December 18, 2017 | PR 22-687 the “Commission on Health Equity Maranda C. Ward Appointment Resolution of 2018” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson. |
| December 19, 2017 | PR 22-687 is “read” at a Committee of the Whole meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official. |
| December 22, 2017 | Notice of Intent to Act on PR 22-687 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> . |
| March 2, 2018 | Notice of a Public Roundtable on PR 22-687 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> . |
| March 1, 2018 | The Committee of the Whole holds a public roundtable on PR 22-687. |
| March 6, 2018 | The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 22-687. |

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Ms. Ward is the Council’s appointee to the Board. The Executive provided no comment on Ms. Ward’s appointment.

¹⁸ *Supra* note 1.

¹⁹ Maranda C. Ward, Nominee, Written Responses to the Committee of the Whole’s Pre-Roundtable Questionnaire, Page 3, February 26, 2018.

²⁰ *Supra* note 1 at 3.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 22-687.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on PR 22-687 on Thursday, March 1, 2018. The testimony summarized below is from that roundtable.

Ms. Maranda C. Ward, Appointee, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson regarding her background and experience as it pertains to the Commission on Health Equity and her interest in serving on the Commission.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Ms. Ward's appointment.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members of the Commission on Health Equity are appointed pursuant to section 5043(c)(1)(B) of the Commission on Health Equity Amendment Act of 2016, effective October 8, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-160; D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01(c)(1)(B)).

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

PR 22-687 will have no fiscal impact on the District of Columbia budget or financial plan. Members of the Commission on Health Equity are not entitled to compensation.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of PR 22-687.
<u>Section 2</u>	Confirms the appointment of Ms. Maranda C. Ward as a member of the Commission on Health Equity.
<u>Section 3</u>	Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Commission, and to the Mayor.
<u>Section 4</u>	Provides that PR 22-687 shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

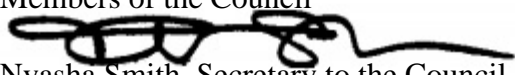
X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 22-687 as introduced.
2. Nominee's response to Committee questions.
3. Written testimony.
4. Legal sufficiency determination.
4. Committee Print for PR 22-687.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : December 18, 2017

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, December 18, 2017. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Commission on Health Equity Maranda C. Ward Appointment Resolution of 2017", PR22-0687

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services


Chairman Phil Mendelson

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

9
10
11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
12
13

14
15
16 To appoint Ms. Maranda C. Ward to the Commission on Health Equity.

17
18 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
19 resolution may be cited as the "Commission on Health Equity Maranda C. Ward Appointment
20 Resolution of 2017".

21
22 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

23 Maranda C. Ward
24 2821 O Street, S.E.
25 Washington, DC 20020
26 (Ward 7)
27

28 as a Ward 7 nonvoting member of the Commission on Health Equity, established by section
29 5043 of the Commission on Health Equity Amendment Act of 2016, effective October 8, 2016
30 (D.C. Law 21-160; D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01).

31 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
32 upon its adoption, to the appointee, to the chairperson of the Commission, and to the Office of
33 the Mayor.

34 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
35 the District of Columbia Register.

MARANDA C. WARD, MPH

Mailing Address: 2821 O. St, SE Washington, DC 20020
Contact Information: maranda@gwmail.gwu.edu, (202) 441-7562 mobile, www.marandaward.com

CONTENT SPECIALTY

Positive youth development, youth identity, urban youth cultures, peer education models, after-school programs, community education, service-learning models, school-based health, sexuality education, health equity, arts-based research methods, participatory action research, photovoice, Hip Hop pedagogy, curriculum development

EDUCATION

The George Washington University, Washington, DC
Doctor of Education (EdD), Curriculum & Instruction, May 2017
Graduate School of Education and Human Development, Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy
GPA: 4.0 (completed inaugural 2012 GW Master's Class in "The Politics of Urban School Reform")
Dissertation title: *Youth-constructed Narratives on the Negotiation of Urban Youth and Peer Educator Identities*
Exams passed (Dec 2013), Proposal defended (Dec 2015), IRB approved (Jan 2016), Final Defense (Mar 2017)

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Masters of Public Health, Maternal & Child Health, December 2003
School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, Division of Community Health Sciences
GPA: 3.80 (accelerated graduation by one semester)
Capstone title: *Evaluation of the Children's Futures Initiative* (Winner, Capstone of the Year)

Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & Anthropology, May 2002
GPA: 3.67, Magna cum Laude
Thesis title: *"It Can't Happen to Me": How Attitudes on Sex and Sexuality Influence the Perceived Risk of HIV Infection Among Black College Students*

ACADEMIC & INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

(Adjunct Faculty) Instructor. *Development and Diversity* (CPED 6608). Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, Graduate School of Education & Human Development, The George Washington University. Summer 2017. Responsible for teaching course and developing syllabus, leading lectures, and grading assignments for pre-service teachers in the Secondary Education Master's Program with teaching assistant, Nicole Fraise.

(Adjunct Faculty) Instructor. *First Year Development Program* (BADM 1002). School of Business Office of Undergraduate Programs, The George Washington University. Spring 2017. Responsible for developing the course syllabus, grading assignments and teaching two sections of the course for 40 students with teaching assistants, Stephanie Licciardi and Isabel Bellino.

(Adjunct Faculty) Instructor. *Development and Diversity* (CPED 6608). Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, Graduate School of Education & Human Development, The George Washington University. Fall 2016. Responsible for teaching course and developing syllabus, leading lectures, and grading assignments for pre-service teachers in the Secondary Education Master's Program.

(Adjunct Faculty) Instructor. *First Year Development Program* (BADM 1002). School of Business Office of Undergraduate Programs, The George Washington University. Fall 2016. Responsible for developing the course syllabus, grading assignments and teaching the course of 22 students with teaching assistant, Stephanie Licciardi.

Course Assistant. *Social Change & Leadership* and *Communication & Negotiation*. Pre-College Program, The George Washington University. Summer 2016. Responsible for administrative and logistical tasks such as coordinating guest speakers and site visits as well as chaperoning and debriefing service activities and trips with Instructors Charles Basden and Kenneth Leon, respectively.

Co-Instructor. *First Year Development Program (BADM 1002).* School of Business Undergraduate Program, The George Washington University. Spring 2015. Responsible for co-developing the course syllabus, grading assignments and co-teaching the course with Alexandra Bossetta, David Ruda, and teaching assistant, Heather Rosenblum.

Instructor. *Service, Leadership, and Community Transformation.* Civic Leadership Institute (Berkeley, CA). Center for Talented Youth, The Johns Hopkins University and Civic Education Project, Northwestern University. Summer 2015. Primary staff responsible for teaching a three week course for 14 high school juniors and evaluating their growth, challenging them to engage with course content and preparing two "Change the World" talks for all 84 institute participants.

Co-Instructor. *Social Change & Leadership.* Pre-College Program, The George Washington University. Summer 2015. Responsible for co-developing the course syllabus readings, films, activities and co-teaching the daily courses with Instructor Kenneth Leon. This includes administrative and logistical tasks such as coordinating guest speakers and site visits and chaperoning trips.

Lead Facilitator. *Community Health & Medicine.* Jack Kent Cook Young Scholars CivicWeek (Washington, DC). Civic Education Project, Northwestern University. Summer 2015. Primary staff person responsible for the service-learning immersion curriculum for 18 high school sophomores engaged in a week-long residential institute.

(Adjunct Faculty) Instructor. *Development and Diversity (CPED 6608).* Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, Graduate School of Education & Human Development, The George Washington University. Spring 2014. Responsible for teaching course and developing syllabus, leading lectures, and grading assignments for pre-service teachers in a Master's Program.

Teaching Assistant. *Development and Diversity (CPED 6608).* Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, Graduate School of Education & Human Development, The George Washington University. Summer 2013. Collaborated on project development and led the development of the Photovoice Community Exhibit, including leading lecture on its history and authoring assignment/reading prompts with supervision by Dr. Brian Casemore, for pre-service teachers enrolled in the Community Engaged Teaching Program option for Master's students.

Co-Instructor. Introduction to Health Care course selective, *Hot Topics in Women's Health.* Department of Family Medicine; School of Medicine, Georgetown University. Responsible for co-developing course syllabus, session format, and grading assignments with Dr. Roett for first-year medical students.

Guest Lecturer. Sociology Course (grades 11-12). *Nature v. Nurture: The Socialization of Contemporary U.S. Gender Roles.* Fall 2013 - Fall 2015. Invited guest lecturer for upperclassman course on gender roles. School without Walls High School. Washington, DC.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & EXPERIENCE

GW Steven & Diane Robinson Knapp Fellowship for Entrepreneurial Service-Learning June 2016 - May 2017
Stipend recipient: \$7,500

- Host arts-based research exhibit of dissertation data themes
- Translate dissertation research into an arts-based curriculum
- Lead curriculum pilot amongst DC youth to transfer program outcomes into a painted city mural

The BUILD Health Challenge

December 2015 - present

Contracted qualitative researcher: (hourly rate)

- Conduct, review, code, analyze, and interpret key informant interviews and draft report for the Bold, Upstream, Integrated, Local, and Data-driven (BUILD) foundation funded initiative to support collaborations that address social determinants of health

The George Washington University Risk and Resilience Fellowship

March 2012

Stipend Recipient: \$500

Maranda Ward, MPH

- Supported the preparation of a comprehensive literature review on urban youth identity for proposed dissertation research

Unity Health Care, Inc.

Oct – Dec 2012

Contracted qualitative researcher

- Conducted a qualitative needs assessment of school nurses and families; developed interview and focus group protocols, facilitated and transcribed interviews
- Analyzed data and authored report for the American Academy of Pediatric Coordinated Approach to Community Health grant

Society of Public Health Education/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- Adolescent & School Health Research Fellowship

Nov 2011 – Nov 2012

Stipend Recipient: \$2,000

- Conducted literature search, developed scales for Wave II longitudinal interviewing protocol to assess covariates of social capital as a protective factor for HIV infection amongst adolescents in Ghana (Principal Investigator: Dr. Jeffrey Bingenheimer). Presented poster presentation at annual meeting.

Association of Schools of Public Health/Health Resources & Services Administration June 2004 – June 2005

Stipend Recipient: \$34,000

ASPH/HRSA Fellow, Bureau of Health Professions/National Health Service Corps

- Assisted in the data collection activities related to the Uniform Data System (UDS) including increasing familiarity and utilization of the UDS data by the National Health Service Corps staff and partners
- Supported the National Advisory Council in their efforts to research policy questions related to the implementation of the National Health Service Corps and its pending reauthorization

Public/Private Ventures, Philadelphia, PA

June 2003 – Aug 2003

Research Capstone: \$5,000 (stipend)

- Worked on the Trenton, New Jersey-based *Children's Futures Initiative* and analyzed and compiled health data for the interim report; developed evaluation participation consent form, interview and focus group protocols; conducted focus groups and interviews; analyzed qualitative/quantitative data using SAS/Excel and prepared graphical representation for the formal written evaluation report to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Morehouse College, Project IMHOTEP, Atlanta, GA Summer 2002

Stipend Recipient: \$5,000

Carnegie Mellon University, Statistics Department, Pittsburgh, PA

- Analyzed basic frequencies in SAS and perform logistic regression models in STATA for the 2000 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) for research entitled *HIV Serology Testing Patterns in Primary Care Ob/Gyn Visits*
- Conducted literature searches and developed a formal written report and poster presentation
- Received NIH and biomedical human research ethics certification

Society of Public Health Education/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- Injury and Violence Prevention Research Fellowship

Nov 2002 – Nov 2003

Stipend Recipient: \$2,000

- Conducted literature search, conducted secondary analysis of data set on covariates of adolescent intimate partner violence of the SAFE DATES Program, authored a manuscript of findings (Principal Investigator: Dr. Vangie Foshee)

University of Michigan, Population Fellows Program, Ann Arbor, MI

Summer 2001

Stipend Recipient: \$5,000

Minority Serving Institution (MSI) Intern, Advocates for Youth (AFY), Washington, DC

- Authored a fact sheet entitled *The Reproductive and Sexual Health of Jamaican Youth*
- Traveled to Kingston, Jamaica to assist consultants with developing materials to facilitate a meeting among key partners involved in youth programs

- Co-facilitated focus groups with adolescents at the Kingston Youth Resource Center to augment a youth resource directory

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

The George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences July 2017 – present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Clinical Research & Leadership

- Teach HSCI 2110: Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Concepts, HSCI 2101: Psychosocial Aspects of Health & Illness, HSCI 2103: Health Policy & the Health Care System, HSCI 2107: Health Care in Literature, HSCI 2114: Health Care in Developing Nations, and develop a new course entitled Applied Health Equity.
- Plan and facilitate a curriculum retreat with key HSCI faculty and stakeholders in Fall 2017. Use retreat findings as basis for competency-based and health equity curriculum change recommendations/activities across HSCI undergraduate courses
- Collaborate with strategic partnership teams on high school and community college pipeline projects – participate on periodic strategic planning committees on-site and off-site.

The George Washington University School of Business August 2015 – June 2015
Assistant City Director, Lemonade Day DC (part-time graduate assistantship)

- Co-develop program goals, assessments and strategic plans of city-wide youth entrepreneurship program
- Select, train, manage, build and support 6 undergraduate students in program execution
- Design training and author six-session curriculum to prepare twelve instructors and twenty two student leaders to teach 430 first year and transfer business students on how to enter DC communities based on principles of asset-based community development for 2,000 DC youth
- Strategically formed partnerships with DC public and charter schools, community based coalitions, and housing developments and local businesses where the GW School of Business needed a more visible presence.
- Manage ongoing evaluation and monitoring of program outcomes, including branding success
- Represent GW School of Business and National Lemonade Day organization amongst key stakeholders

Washington School for Girls (WSG) August 2011 – June 2015
Program Assistant, Graduate Support (contracted position)
Summer Bridge Teacher, 6th Grade Reading and Math (contracted position)

- Developed and implemented meaningful programs for graduates to remain engaged support network
- Maintained organized data files for properly evaluating progress of graduates
- Managed a peer education program developed as an extension of health curriculum
- Led 4-year partnership with Grassroots Project of Athletes United for Social Justice
- Served as advisor for 24 students to ensure their social, emotional and spiritual needs are met by the school and engage their parents/caregivers in the process
- Secured 8 community partnerships and resources to create and maintain ongoing campaigns for staff, students and families
- Developed, implemented, and evaluated 6th grade 2014 summer bridge math, reading and orientation curriculum
- Led the participation of the robotics team's involvement in the 2013 STEM Sister Summit
- Served as the liaison to the auxillary board for outreach opportunities as well as the liaison for the WSG Bethune Youth Section for the National Council of Negro Women

Children's National Medical Center (Children's National) June 2007 – July 2011
Program Manager, Adolescent Prevention Education Programs, Division of Adolescent Medicine

- Successfully secured \$1.8 million in program funds via corporate donors, written proposals/grants, and contract development with foundations, local government, and federal agencies;
- Responsible for day-to-day function and management of all grant deliverables, which includes meeting all grant requirements and submission of timely, high quality reports to various stakeholders;

- Oversaw program development, resource allocation and budget expenditures for six prevention programs: Teens against the Spread of AIDS (TASA), Today's New teens (TNT), Teen Talk, Teen Life Clubs (TLC), waiting room education, community-based workshops;
- Managed the design, integration, implementation, training, evaluation, resource/partner development and fidelity of two CDC effective behavioral interventions within the Division programs: Focus on Youth + ImPACT and VOICES/VOCES;
- Coordinated TASA and TNT programs, including recruiting, training and supervising all teen peer educators and scheduling and coordinating all health education workshops, projects and campaigns;
- Served as lead fiscal agent on two city-wide youth HIV prevention campaigns led by TASA peer educators: Youth Educated About Safer Sex and Rock the Block Campaigns;
- Managed the design and implementation of the Adolescent Health Care Communication Programs: the Adolescent Provider Communication Workshops (Keeping it Real with Your Patients and Keeping it Real with Your Provider) and the Adolescent Standardized Patient Program;
- Oversaw FOY, VOICES and AHCCP program advisory boards, including the recruitment of members and development of its structure and format;
- Developed, expanded, and sustained collaborative relationships with hospital divisions/programs and community-based organizations including coordination of logistics related to roles/commitments;
- Professionally represented and promoted the programs to various stakeholders;
- Supervised, managed, trained and recruited staff, volunteers and interns;
- Developed, updated and implemented curriculum, educational materials and evaluation tools, approved by Children's Internal Review Board, to support outcomes-based program evaluations;
- Developed and managed program marketing, recruitment/retention and publicity plans online and via print material;
- Ensured program goals are set and consistent with operating and evaluation plans;
- Developed and administered program and hospital policies/procedures, as related to human resources, safety, data management/security, cultural competencies and youth development;
- Oversaw completion of evaluation plans and records including outside contractors, required files, records, reports and statistical data in a timely manner;
- Held regular QI staff planning and evaluation meetings;
- Coordinated all Project CHAMP (Children's HIV/AIDS Model Program) special events for Children's patients infected and affected by HIV;
- Planned, developed, coordinated, and facilitated program workshops, as needed.

Georgetown University Medical Center (GUMC)

September 2005 – May 2007

Program Coordinator, Department of Family Medicine, Community Health Division

- Provided faculty and program support for the Introduction to Healthcare and Ambulatory Care courses by acting as a liaison between faculty/staff, medical students and community partners; collecting student grades, evaluations and assignments; co-developing/grading extra credit assignments; editing/proofreading documents; co-developing course syllabi and related materials; and coordinating logistics of faculty/student orientation, weekly course lectures and monthly staff meetings (i.e., securing room reservations/equipment, copying/distributing presentation materials, and communicating with campus technical and education support services)
- Reduced communication errors and technical staff time required by Service-Learning Program by serving as point of contact for 28 service learning teams. Responsibilities include sending reminders, providing resources, assisting with scheduling and logistics, and collecting course grades/evaluations and reports/proposals from faculty and community partners
- Provided technical assistance to 30 faculty leaders and 28 community partners by developing scope of works, securing project resources, providing technical oversight on student training sessions to ensure high-quality and timely deliverables
- Investigated and responded to student and faculty/staff concerns on a daily basis and took appropriate action
- Co-developed evaluation and pre/post test tools and initiated the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process for the Health Improvement Project (HIP) and department contracts
- Co-authored the faculty developed grant application to secure funding for junior faculty development fellowship programs

- Co-authored two campus-based grants to secure monies to evaluate the Service-Learning Program and to integrate a language access curriculum into two preclinical bridge courses.
- Coordinated resident community medicine curriculum (includes lecture series and community-oriented care visits; correspondence and evaluation data for resident community oriented care visits; assisting with cultural competency curriculum development)
- Identified funding sources (foundations, philanthropists) for the community-based education and research projects and the Fellowship and Residency Programs
- Sought out partnerships for sub-grants and contracts to support the Division Projects
- Maintained the program website by updating all materials, documents and contact information
- Successfully wrote the awarded 2007–2008 Curricular Innovation, Research, and Creativity in the Learning Environment (CIRCLE) grant to introduce Language Access Curriculum to all first-year medical students
- Co-led a Introduction to Health Care (IHC) course selective *Hot Topics in Women's Health* for first year medical students (i.e., developed the syllabus, session formats, literature reviews, grading)

Promising Futures

May 2002 – present

Co-Founder and Executive Director

- Recruited ten college-aged youth to serve as youth co-researchers for IRB-approved participatory action research study culminating in a public art research exhibit with over 70 guests
- Awarded 2015 subcontract to lead a curriculum-based Summer Leadership Institute for 40 high school enrolled in the United Planning Organization POWER Program
- Partnered with the Octane Public Relations Firm to cohost Spring 2014 and Summer 2015 social media contests for DC youth
- Member of the DC Peer Education Network that funds high school youth to serve as peer educators through a contract with the DC HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis (HAHSTA) Administration
- Secured a 2013–2014 Memorandum of Agreement with the Martin Luther King Jr library “Teen Space” to offer monthly programming on a range of topics of interests to youth
- Awarded a 2013 subcontract by the Roots Public Charter School to develop and facilitate a health promoters club for middle school students through funding support of the Office of State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)
- Awarded the 2013–2014 DC Personal Responsibility Education Program (DC-PREP) grant by OSSE to implement the Project AIM evidence based for primary and secondary pregnancy prevention for middle and high school youth at the Washington School for Girls; Anacostia High School; Ideal Public Charter School; Washington, Math, Science, & Technology Public Charter School; and the United Planning Organization
- Awarded the 2012–2013 DC-PREP grant by OSSE to implement the Project AIM evidence based for primary and secondary pregnancy prevention for middle and high school youth at the Washington School for Girls, Ballou High School and the Washington Metropolitan High School
- Awarded the 2011–2012 DC-PREP grant by OSSE to implement the Project AIM evidence based intervention for students at the Washington Middle School for Girls, Roots Public Charter School and older youth engaged in an inaugural Summer Leadership Institute for the Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program
- Awarded the 2011–2012 DC Department of Health HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA) Effi Barry HIV Capacity Building Linkages Grant to partner with Athletes United for Social Justice to train area athletes on HIV 101 and adolescent development
- Awarded a 2012 subcontract with the Gannet Foundation grant for the Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) to pilot a teen peer educator version of the Connections to Careers workforce development curriculum
- Hosted a 2012–2013 intergenerational book club among the Ambassadors and Peer Educators at the Washington Middle School for Girls, School without Walls, Benjamin Banneker High School and Capital City Public Charter School to host an open mic book talk at the Martin Luther King Library Teen Space with Claire Griffin, author of teen novel *Nowhere to Run*
- Invited to scout talent, resources, and support for ongoing programming at the 2013 “A Tea Takeover” Partnered with the AIDS Health Care Foundation to honor 2013 International Condom Day with a youth choreographed flash mob dance

- Submitted youth-developed films to the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) and Universal Access to Female Condoms (UAFC) sponsored international Female Condom 2 film contest and the Kennedy Center 'What's Going On Now?' national film contest
- Hosted a 2012-2013 Cookies in a Jar chapter at the Washington Middle School for Girls
- Hosted a film premiere of youth authored/directed/produced 'Shopping for the Perfect Fit' FC2 Film for 'Cookies & Condoms' in honor of 2013 National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- Choreographed and led a flash mob for the 2013 International Condom Day with AIDS Health Care Foundation and Grassroots United
- Successfully vetted as a community partner for the DC Public Schools New Heights Program at Ballou Senior High School for pregnancy and parenting youth to offer Project AIM curriculum
- Served as a community partner on the 2012-2013 Rock the Block Health Lifestyles High School Athlete Campaign with Grassroots United and Good Ground Good Life
- Served as the lead agency in the DC Community Coalition Youth Core with accepted program abstracts to host a rap cipher and flash mob in the Youth Pavilion and Global Village of the International Conference on AIDS (AIDS 2012)
- Trained 18 high school peer educators to implement training series and outreach performances for the 2011-2012 Calvary Community Care Female Condom 2 "Protection is Pleasure and Power" campaign in beauty salons/nail salons/barber shops
- Youth peer educators submitted a multimedia product to the What's Going On? National Campaign for youth media on social justice issues to be premiered at the Kennedy Center
- Developing and implementing a youth development curriculum for media and financial literacy for an after-school program at the Washington Middle School for Girls
- Created a hip hop educational PowerPoint series for international, national, and local conferences on youth development and HIV prevention

YOUTH CURRICULUM EXPERIENCE

- George Washington University, School of Business** Oct 2015 - present
- Author and lead a three-part leadership series for the City Director's Team of undergraduate GW students leading the Lemonade Day DC social entrepreneurship project
- EngenderHealth** Oct 2015 - Aug 2016
- Provide technical support and consultation on youth development content and Hip Hop pedagogy to devise the 'Our Stories, Your Choices' teen pregnancy prevention curriculum and peer education training program
- Project Adult Identity Mentoring (AIM), Children's Hospital Los Angeles** Dec 2013
- Completed the Training of Trainers (and trained 22 facilitators from 2013-2015)
- National Council of Negro Women, Bethune Program Development Center** Jan 2012 - May 2012
- Developed curriculum for the Female Leadership Pipeline Project as well as content for the web hub and Girl Rap series on financial literacy and leadership
- Access to Racial and Cultural Health Institute, Inc. (ARCH) Institute** June 2011
- Completed 'Better Choices for a Better Future' Curriculum Training of Facilitators
- Video Opportunities in Condom Education and Safer Sex (VOICES), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** Jan 2011
- Completed the VOICES Training of Facilitators (and trained 3 facilitators)
- Focus on Youth (FOY) + ImPACT, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** July 2009
- Completed the FOY Training of Trainers (and trained 10 facilitators)
- Focus on Youth (FOY) + ImPACT, ETR Associates** June 2009
- Completed the FOY Training of Facilitators

Children's National Medical Center (Children's National)

June 2007 – July 2011

Program Manager, Adolescent Prevention Education Programs, Division of Adolescent Medicine

- Authored and secured five-year \$1 million dollar CDC grant to sustain youth development programming for the Adolescent Health Center and community clinics
- Recipient of 2010 Best Student Programming Category by the Alliance for Community Media Mid-Atlantic Region Jammy Awards for the DVD created for school pilot of sex education curriculum

Georgetown University Medical Center (GUMC)

September 2005 – May 2007

Program Coordinator, Department of Family Medicine, Community Health Division

- Secured the 2007–2008 Curricular Innovation, Research, and Creativity in the Learning Environment (CIRCLE) grant to introduce Language Access Curriculum to all first-year medical students

IN-PROGRESS MANUSCRIPTS

Manuscript, in press (2014, Oct). Urban youth identity: A discourse review. *Journal of Curriculum Theorizing*.

Manuscript, Revise and Resubmit (2014, Feb). Inside out: Reflecting in, out, and back. *Journal of Curriculum Theorizing*.

PUBLICATIONS

Shastry, A., Addlestone, I., Ward, M., & Stephens, E. (2006, 2010). *Steps to S.T.A.R.dom: Teen Life Club (TLC) After School Program Curriculum*. Washington, DC: Children's National Medical Center.

Ward, M. (2015). A future self and a future curriculum: Lessons from the field. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 56*(2), S114.

Ward, M. (2015). Exploring youth identity: A poem in one or more parts. *Action Research Network of the Americas (ARNA) Conference Proceedings*. Toronto, CA.

Ward, M. (2015). Promising Futures: A compelling model of youth work. In B. Kirshner & K. Pozzoboni (Eds.), *The changing landscape of youth work: Theory and practice for an evolving field* (pp. 167–169). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Ward, M., & Bullock, K. (2008). Beyond academic walls: Paradigms for intercommunity and interdisciplinary collaboration. In G. Chuan, V. D'Rozario, A. Heong, & C. Mun (Eds.), *Character development through service and experiential learning*. Pearson Education.

Ward, M., McMahon, P., & Ingram, E. (2006). Identifying risk factors associated with intimate partner violence perpetration among youth. *Journal of Knowledge and Best Practices in Juvenile Justice and Psychology, 1*(1), 5–10.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Featured, Keynote, Panel and Plenary Talks

Ward, M. (2017, Apr). *Arts-based research methods*. Invited speaker for Dr. Lionel Howard's doctoral-level 3-credit Data Collection course. The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2017, Jan). *D.C. Youth Expressions: Community, Identity, & Art*. Invited speaker for the lunch-time brown bag. Peace Corps Headquarters. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2016, Nov). *Youth-narrated negotiations of identity*. Invited speaker for oral Skype presentation for Dr. Micheal Boucher's master's level research methods course at Texas State University.

Ward, M. (2016, Dec). *Arts-based research methods*. Invited speaker for Dr. Arshad Ali's doctoral-level 3-credit Data Collection course. The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Helfenbein, R., Asher, N., Critchlow, W., Gershon, W., and Ward, M. (2015, Oct). *Continuing the scholarship of Greg Dimitriadis*. Invited panelist for spotlight session at the 36th Annual 2015 Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. Sponsored by the Journal on Curriculum Theorizing at the Bergamo Center. Dayton, OH.

Hatton, B., Ward, M., and Robinson, K. (2015, August). *Organizing strategies across movements*. Advocates for Youth Urban Retreat. Washington Court Hotel. Washington, DC.

Myada, E., Jain, S., and Ward, M. (2015, August). *Messages on Fleek: Creating relevant messages for diverse audiences*. United States Conference on AIDS (USCA). Marriott Hotel. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2014, Nov). *Arts-based research methods*. Invited speaker for Dr. Lionel Howard's doctoral-level 3-credit Aesthetic Research Methods course. The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Bellard, M. and Ward, M. (2014, July). *Mentoring urban youth*. Invited presenters at 2014 Generation Hope Conference. University of the District of Columbia. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2014, June). *Participatory action research*. Invited panelist to speak to doctoral students enrolled in 1-credit qualitative research course. The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2014, May). *Engaging students in their own learning*. Keynote speaker for the Academies at Anacostia High School Faculty Retreat. Lansdowne Resort. Leesberg, VA.

Ward, M. (2014, April). Invited panelist to speak on community engagement at the Model World Conference on the Rights of Women and Girls. The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2014, Feb). Invited panelist on goal setting for three concurrent sessions at the 22nd Annual Woman to Woman Conference. Sponsored by the Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. Howard University. Washington, DC.

Kalkstein, K., Oluigbo, O., Ekobika, L., Terlikowski, J., Blauw, N. and Ward, M. (2012, July). *Role of youth in female condom programming, experiences from Zimbabwe to DC*. Invited panelist on 'From "no way" to "yay" - Community engagement in female condom programming'. Sponsored by the Universal Access to Female Condoms Joint Programme, Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), National Female Condom Coalition (NFCC). 19th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012). Washington, DC.

Ramirez, J., Spencer, T., and Ward, M. (2012, July). *Invited panelist on Youth and HIV for film screening of 'The Other City'*. 19th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012). Washington, DC.

Casemore, B., Perry, V., Bierzynski, D., Radic, A., Graham, C., Vanden Boogart, A. and Ward, M. (2012, Feb). *A conversation about community engaged education with GW's Community-Engaged Teaching Program*. Invited for panel discussion at the 10th Annual Educational Symposium for Research Innovations (ESRI). Sponsored by the Graduate School for Education and Human Development (GSEHD) at The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2010, December). *Best practices and lessons learned with Focus on Youth + ImPACT*. Invited to present in a community practice session. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS). Marriot Wardman Park Hotel. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2006, August). Invited panelist on the *Hip Hop and reggae dance hall kings and queens: Dropping it like it's hot* in the Youth and African/Black Diaspora Stream. Sponsored by the Rexdale Community Health Centre and African and Caribbean Council on HIV/AIDS in Ontario (ACCHO). XVI International AIDS Conference. Toronto, Canada.

Ward, M. (2005, May). *Crazy, sexy, cool: Using hip hop expressions to reduce HIV infection among youth*. Invited to present an oral presentation at the Maryland AIDS Administration '411 on HIV' Youth Summit. Baltimore, MD.

Ward, M. and McGoy, S. (2005, April). *Crazy, sexy, cool: How hip hop influences the sexual decision making of youth*. Invited keynote speaker at the Tennessee State University Hip Hop in the City Summit. Nashville, TN.

Ward, M. (2004, October). *HIV infection among black college students*. Invited to present paper on the "Girls and other Vulnerable Populations Panel" at the Sister Love Incorporated and Spelman College Women's Research & Resource Center sponsored Women, Girls and HIV/AIDS in Africa and the African Diaspora: Learning from Our Lives, for Our Lives Conference. Atlanta, Ga.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Love, A. and Ward, M. (2016, Nov). *Affirming urban identities in early childhood education*. Abstract accepted for roundtable discussion at the International Conference on Urban Education. Wyndham Grand Rio Resort. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Ward, M. (2016, October). *The negotiation of urban youth and peer educator identities*. Presented a paper presentation at the 37th Annual 2016 Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. Sponsored by the Journal on Curriculum Theorizing at the Bergamo Center. Dayton, OH.

Ward, M. (2016, June). *The negotiation of urban youth and peer educator identities*. Presented a Pecha Kucha oral presentation at the Action Research Network of the Americas (ARNA) Conference. Crowne Hotel. Knoxville, TN.

Ward, M. (2016, April). *Reflections and re-presentations of youth identity within a participatory action research study*. Presented on a panel discussion at the American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies Annual Conference. The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2016, March). *#Caption this: Conceptualizing the social media discourse for its school-to-prison pipeline implications on Black girls' bodies, power, and space*. Presented a paper presentation on "I know I can" Learn: Black Girls' Education Matters panel at the Hip Hop Literacies Conference. Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

Ward, M. (2015, Oct). *Exploring youth identity: A poem in one or more parts*. Presented a paper presentation at the 36th Annual 2015 Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. Sponsored by the Journal on Curriculum Theorizing at the Bergamo Center. Dayton, OH.

Ward, M. (2015, May). *Exploring youth identity: A poem in one or more parts*. Presented an oral presentation at the 2015 Action Research Network of the Americas (ARNA) Conference. University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada.

Ward, M. (2015, March). *Being from the block: Re-narrating what it means to be an urban youth*. Presented two concurrent workshops at the Third Annual Educators of Color Leadership Conference. Up Academy- Holland. Dorchester, MA.

Ward, M. (2015, Feb). *99 problems and the ethical study of urban youth ain't one*. Abstract accepted for a virtual oral presentation at the 2015 Annual Curriculum Camp. Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Ward, M. (2014, Oct). *Urban youth identity: A discourse review*. Presented a paper presentation at the 35th Annual 2013 Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. Sponsored by the Journal on Curriculum Theorizing at the Bergamo Center. Dayton, OH.

Ward, M., Contreras, D., Theodore, N., Coleman, S., & Butler, D. (2014, March). *Come out, come out...Wherever you are*. Abstract accepted for concurrent oral presentation at the Annual Leading with Pride LGBTQ Youth Conference. Sponsored by Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders (SMYAL) at School without Walls High Schools. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2013, Oct). *Seeing the forest for the trees: A poetic doctoral study guide*. Presented a paper presentation at the 34th Annual 2013 Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. Sponsored by the Journal on Curriculum Theorizing at the Bergamo Center. Dayton, OH.

Ward, M. (2013, Oct). *An aesthetic engagement with Promising Futures: A community-based youth development model for urban youth*. Presented on a panel at the 2013 Inaugural Black Doctoral National Conference. Sponsored by the Black Doctoral Network at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel. Philadelphia, PA.

Ward, M. (2013, July). *Promising Futures: A youth development pipeline for engaging urban youth*. Presented on a panel at the 2013 Teach-In: Remixing the Art of Social Change. Sponsored by Words, Beats & Life at Howard University. Washington, DC.

Benn., G., Ward, M and Jamar, L. (2013, March). *Hip hop, cultural competence, pedagogy and the role of the community educator*. Presented a panel discussion at the 5th Annual Health Disparities Conference. Sponsored by Teacher's College at Columbia University. New York, NY.

Ward, M., Contreras, D., and Shelton-Epps, B. (2013, March). *An aesthetic engagement with Promising Futures: A community based youth development model for urban youth*. Presented a performance-based workshop at the 5th Annual Health Disparities Conference. Sponsored by Teacher's College at Columbia University. New York, NY.

Ward, M., Contreras, D., and Shelton-Epps, B. (2013, Feb). *An aesthetic engagement with Promising Futures: A community based youth development model for urban youth*. Presented at the 10th Annual Educational Symposium for Research Innovations (ESRI). Sponsored by the Graduate School for Education and Human Development (GSEHD) at The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. and James, L. (2012, July). *Please don't change the station: How provocative visual public service announcement can raise awareness and change attitudes in the global youth community*. Abstract accepted for oral presentation in the Women's Networking Zone. Sponsored by the DC Community Coalition Youth Core. 19th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012). Washington, DC.

Ward, M. and McKay, J. (2012, July). *Snapshots of HIV stigma in the United States*. Abstract accepted for an oral presentation at the Youth Pre-Conference for the International Conference on AIDS (AIDS 2012). Washington, DC.

Kamangar, A., Bierzynski, D., Wei, M., Spillane, N., and Ward, M. (2012, Feb). *Rethinking and investigating traditional notions of curriculum: A synoptic montage approach*. Presented a paper during a symposium presentation in the 10th Annual Educational Symposium for Research Innovations (ESRI). Sponsored by the Graduate School for Education and Human Development (GSEHD) at The George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. and D'Angelo, L. (2011, October). *Creating a program to promote adolescent and provider communication: "Keeping it real in more way than one"*. Presented on a panel at the American Public Health Association. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2010, September). *Saying YESS (Youth Educated about Safer Sex) to peer pressure*. Presented at the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA). Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL.

Ward, M. and Bullock, K. (2007, April). *Transforming the community through community-based research and learning*. Presented at the Community Research and Learning Network (CoRAL). American University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M., Subramanian, A., Bullock, K., and Cameron, D. (2007, March). *Beyond academic walls: Paradigms for intercommunity and interdisciplinary collaboration*. Presented at the Character Development through Service and Experiential Learning Conference sponsored by the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University. Singapore.

Ward, M. (2006, May). *Crazy, sexy, cool: The impact of hip hop on sexual decision making*. Presented at the AIDS Alliance 12th Annual VOICES Conference. Crystal City, VA.

Ward, M. (2005, June). *Crazy, sexy, cool: Using hip hop expressions to reduce HIV infection among youth*. Presented at the Health Equity and Diversity Conference. Toronto, Ca.

Ward, M. (2005, May). *Crazy, sexy, cool: How hip hop influences the sexual decision making of youth*. Presented at the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families VOICES Conference. Alexandria, VA.

Ward, M., McMahon, P., and Ingram, E. (2005, April). *Identifying risk factors associated with intimate partner violence perpetration among black youth*. Paper presented on the Teen Inter-gender Dating Violence panel at the 6th National Conference on Family and Community Violence Prevention Program. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Ward, M. and McGoy, S. (2005, February). *Crazy, sexy, cool: Using hip hop expressions to reduce HIV infection among youth*. Abstract accepted for oral session presentation at the National Association of People Living with AIDS (NAPWA) Ryan White National Youth Conference. Nashville, TN.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Ward, M. (2015, May). *"Being from the block": Re-narrating what it means to be an urban youth*. Invited to present a poster presentation at the Critical Race Studies in Education Association (CRSEA) Conference. Vanderbilt Law School. Nashville, TN.

Ward, M. (2015, Apr). *A future self and future curriculum: Lessons learned from the field*. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the Annual Society of Adolescent Health & Medicine (SAHM) Conference. Biltmore Hotel. Los Angeles, Ca.

Ward, M., Watkins, T., Butler, D., Theodore, N., Contreras, D. (2014, Mar). *Promising Futures presents...#DCshowoff*. Poster Presentation at the 6th Annual Health Disparities Conference. Sponsored by Teacher's College-Columbia University. New York, NY.

Ward, M. (2013, Apr). *Promising Futures: A youth development pipeline for urban youth*. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the 2013 Annual GW Research Days Symposium at the Marvin Center at the George Washington University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. and Ramirez, J. (2011, December). *HIV in DC-ity: How DC youth prepare a takeover for AIDS 2012*. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the 2nd Annual International Conference on Stigma at Howard University. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2011, April). *Adolescent community health: Engaging youth in the process*. Poster presentation at the Child Health Advocacy Institute 2011 Advocacy Day. Children's National Medical Center. Washington, DC.

Ward, M., Addlestone, I., Stephens, E. and D'Angelo, L. (2008, December). *Embracing the role of peer education models in STD/HIV and violence prevention*. Abstract accepted for a poster presentation at Pediatric Trends. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2005, December). *How attitudes on sex and sexuality influence the perceived risk of HIV infection among black college students*. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

Ward, M. and McMahon, P. (2005, December). *Gender differences in mutually violent dating relationships of black youth*. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

Ward, M. (2005, November). *Increasing male responsibility in teenage pregnancy*. Abstract accepted for poster session presentation at the Healthy Teen Network Conference. Chicago, Illinois.

Ward, M., McMahon, P. and Ingram, E. (2004, November). *Identifying risk factors associated with intimate partner violence among youth*. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. Washington, DC.

Ward, M., McMahon, P. and Ingram, E. (2004, April). *Identifying risk factors associated with intimate partner violence among youth*. Abstract accepted as a poster presentation at the Morehouse College Fourteenth Annual Public Health Conference. Atlanta, Ga.

Ward, M., McMahon, P. and Ingram, E. (2003, November). *Identifying risk factors associated with intimate partner violence among youth*. Abstract accepted as a poster presentation at the Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, Ca.

Ward, M. *HIV/TB trends and rates among black and white populations* (2002, April). Poster presentation at the Morehouse College 14th Annual Frederick Everett Mapp Science Symposium. Atlanta, Ga.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

Ward, M. (2016, Aug). *The tale of two cities: Exploring and building Washington, DC*. Invited speaker to lead a training for 80 undergraduate student leaders for the GW Honey Nashman Center for Civic Engagement's Institute for Civic Leadership. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2016). *Instructors as Designers*. Invited speaker to train 15 instructors on preparing their first year seminar course for 400 undergraduate business school students. GW Office of Undergraduate Programs.

Prout, N. and Ward, M. (2016, March). *Come out, come out...wherever you are*. Leading with Pride Annual LGBTQ+ Youth Conference. Washington, DC.

Ward, M., Contreras, D., Knight, N., Idika, C., Allen, M., and Prout, N. (2015, Oct). *Educators #onfleek: Understanding and exploring youth culture in youth development programming*. Healthy Teen Network. Baltimore, MD.

Ward, M. (2015, May). *I am...Who I say I am*. Two consecutive vision board workshops for middle school youth at the "Your Turn to Lead" Girl Scouts of America Annual Conference. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2014, Nov). *BAE starts with you, boo*. Two consecutive sexual health workshops for upperclassmen at the inaugural Reflecting on Me Conference at Largo High School. Largo, MD.

Ward, M. (2013, Oct). *Not another youth development workshop*. Hosted a youth development training at the New Heights Community Partner Quarterly Meeting. Sponsored by the DC Public Schools (DCPS) New Heights Program Office of Youth Engagement at DCPS Central Office. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2013, Sept). *A toolkit for building youth sexual intelligence*. Two oral workshop presentations for service providers at the 3rd Annual Teen Summit sponsored by the Child and Family Services Administration Office of Youth Empowerment (CFSA OYE). Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2013, Aug). *Parenthood: Beyond diapers, boobos, and training wheels*. Two oral workshop presentations for youth and service providers at the 2nd Annual New Heights Summit. Sponsored by the DC Public Schools New Heights Program Office of Youth Engagement at Gallaudet University Kellogg Center. Washington, DC.

Bellard, M. and Ward, M. (2013, July). *Pay yourself: Financial literacy 101*. A workshop at the 2013 Hope Conference. Sponsored by Generation Hope. University of Maryland. College Park, MD.

Ward, M., Sanders, R., and Dharmapuri, S. (2012, March). *Youth as advocates*. Abstract accepted for workshop presentation at the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM). New Orleans, LA.

Ward, M., Little, M. and Mason, N. (2011, June). *The basics on sexual transmitted infections (STIs)*. Workshop at the Sexually Transmitted Infections Coordinating Committee (STICC) Annual Youth Summit. Co-Sponsored by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). Washington, DC.

Ward, M. and Dongala, A. (2011, June). *Young, sexy & safe*. Post-performance sexual health workshop at "Bootycandy" by 2010 Helen Hayes Award winner Robert O'Hara. Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company. Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2010, August). *Designing interactive and innovative youth-based trainings for teen peer educators*. Workshop presented at Metro TeenAIDS HIV Prevention Capacity Building Symposium. Marvin Center- George Washington University, Washington, DC.

Ward, M. (2009, September). *How to use social networking sites to advance public health*. Training led for the Mid Atlantic Public Health Training Center. St. Paul Plaza Conference Center, Baltimore, MD.

Sheats, J., Stevenson, T. and Ward, M. (2004, September). *Everything you needed to know about getting into college or graduate school but never asked*. Concurrent workshop presentations at the New Light Leadership Coalition 6th Annual Youth & College Leadership Summit. Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, INSTITUTES & CONSULTING

- Octane Public Relations Firm** June 2015
Consultant, Hired to prepare the end of the year evaluation report on the third wave of data on the #DCShowOff campaign funded by the DC Department of Health
- Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) University** April 2015
Invited Commitment Maker, University of California-Berkeley for proposed "Game Changers: Building Positive Male Coach & Female Athlete Relationships" with Kirsty Fontaine (GW MPH graduate)
- Healthy Teen Network** Oct 2015
Moderator, "Are we listening? : Strategies to access youth voices and ensure that they inform our work" and "Findings from the OAH-funded TPP research project Gender Matters: A Gender transformative approach", Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, MD.
- Athletes United for Social Justice (The Grassroots Project)** June 2015 - Nov 2015
Consultant, Hired to prepared a cost-benefit analysis report on programming ideas for middle school HIV and sexual health education program
- Educators of Color Leadership Conference** Mar 2015
Moderator, "No more profiling: What positive youth development can look like", Up Academy- Holland, Dorchester, MA.
- American Education Research Association (AERA)** Apr 2015
Selected participant, Pre-Conference Mentoring Event "Reconceptualizing ourselves and our research programs, with a commitment to educational justice in local and global contexts" with keynote speaker Dr. Ernest Morrell
- Black Doctoral Network** Oct 2014
Moderator, "Supporting our Youth: Impacts of Family & Community Involvement on Youth's Educational Experience", Annual Black Doctoral Network Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 3rd Annual Critical Participatory Action Research Summer Institute at City University of New York** July 2013
Selected participant, Earned academic credit for training by scholars Dr. Michelle Fine and Dr. Maria Elena Torre
Maranda Ward, MPH

Community Abstracts Mentoring Program (CAMP) Nov 2011 – Feb 2012
Trained Mentor, National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC)

- Hosted three community events to promote the AIDS 2012 scientific meeting and programs
- Reviewed and provided online technical assistance/feedback for up to three drafts of abstracts before mentees submit to the International Conference on AIDS

Calvary Community Care, Inc. Aug 2011 – Aug 2012
Program Consultant

- Author funding proposals, grant reports and logic models for existing programs
- Implement female condom education initiative at homeless shelter

National Coalition for Adolescent Health: American College of Preventive Medicine April 2010
Moderator, Youth Panel on Access to Care. Barbara Jordon Conference Center, Kaiser Family Foundation

National Coalition for Adolescent Health: American College of Preventive Medicine April 2009
Moderator, OMG, IDK if U Get it Youth Panel on Social Networking for Adolescent Health Programming. Barbara Jordon Conference Center, Kaiser Family Foundation

American Public Health Association Conference Committee on Affiliates Oct 2005
Moderator, Student Poster Sessions

Advocates for Youth, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Sept 2004 – Sept 2013
Member, HIV Program Review Panel

- Review reports, brochures, issues at glance documents for HIV prevention medical accuracy, cultural sensitivity and relevancy for youth and youth service providers in the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project

Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health Summer 2004

- Developed an Evaluation Summary Report for the Minority Women's Health Summit

GRANT & ABSTRACT REVIEWS

Office of Safe and Drug-free Schools June – July 2006

- Reviewed and scored 10 applications to be considered for the Department of Education PE grant funds

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) April 2006

- Reviewed and scored 3 applications to be considered for the 2006 Price Fellowships for HIV Prevention

American Public Health Association (APHA) March 2005

- Reviewed abstracts for the APHA Student Assembly and Maternal and Child Health Sections

Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE) May/Dec 2004
Abstract Reviewer, Annual SOPHE Meeting

- Read and scored 15 abstracts to be considered for oral and poster presentations at the annual meeting

HRSA Technical Evaluation of Proposals Submitted in Response to the Statement of Work for Task Order Sept 2004

- "Evaluation of a Demonstration to include Pharmacists and Chiropractors in the NHSC Loan Repayment Project" and "Evaluation of the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Award Process"

Health Resources & Services Administration Division of Independent Review, Washington, DC March 2004
Objective Review Committee Panelist, Ryan White Care Act Title III Early Intervention Services Program

- Reviewed, discussed and scored 4 eligible funding applications
- Provided insight and feedback on the providers readiness to provide HIV primary care services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA Feb 2004
Maranda Ward, MPH

Panelist, HIV Prevention Projects for Community Based Organizations (PA #04064)

- Served as the behavioral scientist member of the special emphasis panel
- Reviewed, discussed and scored 10 eligible funding applications
- Provided insight and feedback on the CBOs readiness to implement its proposed intervention

HONORS & AWARDS

Bergamo Conference on Curriculum Theorizing and Classroom Practice <i>Winner, Graduate Student Paper of the Year "Urban Youth Identity: A Discourse Review"</i>	Oct 2014
Bergamo Conference on Curriculum Theorizing and Classroom Practice <i>Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper of the Year "Inside out: Reflecting in, out, and back"</i>	Oct 2013
GW Master Class on Urban Education & Leadership Graduate, Inaugural Class with Dr. Carl Cohn	Oct 2013
Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) <i>Spotlighted Member in SAHM Matters Newsletter</i>	Feb 2013
<i>Edie Moore Travel Scholarship Recipient</i>	Feb 2012
Female Health Company United States <i>Female Condom 2 (FC2) Advocate of the Year</i>	Feb 2012
Metro TeenAIDS Community Partner Award <i>Recipient</i>	Oct 2011
National Minority AIDS Council <i>Graduate, Women of Color Leadership Institute</i>	Sept 2010
Johns Hopkins 15th Annual Summer Institute on Injury Prevention for New Researchers <i>Recipient, NIH DC/Baltimore Center to Improve Child Health Disparities Scholarship</i>	Summer 2006

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

<i>Chair-Graduate Student Council, Bergamo Conference on Curriculum Theorizing</i>	2014 - present
<i>Member, Black Doctoral Network</i>	2014 - present
<i>Selection Committee Member, Scenarios USA</i>	2011 - 2012
<i>Student Member, American Educational Research Association (AERA)</i>	2011 - 2015
<i>Student Member, American Public Health Association (APHA)</i>	2011 - 2013
<i>Member, Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM)</i>	2011 - 2015
<i>Member, Advocates for Youth Peer Leadership Summit Planning Council</i>	2011
<i>Member, Office of State Superintendent of Education DC Youth Risk Behavior Survey Committee</i>	2009 - 2010
<i>Governing Council member, American Public Health Association (APHA)</i>	2005 - 2008
<i>Governing Council member, Metropolitan Washington DC Public Health Association (MWPHA)</i>	2005 - 2008
<i>Appointed Student Liaison, APHA Committee on Affiliates</i>	2005 - 2007

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

INTERNAL

George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services Preceptor, Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program	June 2007 - 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successfully supervised, trained and evaluated 20 MPH students on their practicum and culminating experiences required for graduation	

EXTERNAL

Project Istwa <i>Maranda Ward, MPH</i>	Jan 2014, 2015 <i>Page 16 of 17</i>
--	--

- Traveled to Haiti to volunteer in the provinces of Port-de-Paix, Cap Haitien, and Cite Soleil as a trained facilitator to implement week-long youth-based Photovoice projects and prepare a community exhibit

DC Children and Youth Investment Corporation Youth Worker Training

- Completed 30-hour DC BEST “Advancing Youth Development” Training May 2011

SERVICE & VOLUNTEER WORK

<i>Abstract Reviewer and Social Media Support, Action Research Network of the Americas</i>	2016
<i>Advisory Board Member, Adolescent HIV Prevention National Resource Center</i>	2016 - present
<i>Thesis Advisor, Cesar Chavez Public Charter School</i>	2015
<i>Co-Chair, Youth Committee of United States Conference on AIDS (USCA)</i>	2015
<i>Host Committee Member, United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) Youth Engagement Committee</i>	2014
<i>Camp Leader, National Teen Leadership Program</i>	2014, 2012
<i>Girl Exchange Leader, Uniquely You Summit for Teen Girls</i>	2014
<i>Mentor, SisterMentors</i>	2013 - present
<i>Member, OSSE Comprehensive Sexual Health Advisory Board</i>	2011 - 2015
<i>Board Member and Programs Chair, Tripod Foundation</i>	2011 - 2014
<i>Youth Committee Chair, DC Community Coalition Youth Core-International AIDS Conference</i>	2011 - 2012
<i>Workshop Leader, Girls Rock DC Summer Camp, August</i>	2011 - 2014
<i>Volunteer, National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Loving Me Girls Conference</i>	2010
<i>Member, Washington, DC Ward 8 Youth Coordinating Council</i>	2009 - 2010
<i>Member, DC Coalition of Concerned Providers</i>	2008 - 2013
<i>Member, DC Department of Health/HAHSTA Youth & HIV Workgroup</i>	2008 - 2014
<i>Group Leader, Girl Scouts of America Your Turn to Lead Conference</i>	2008, 2009, 2015
<i>Community Advisory Board Member, Whitman Walker Clinic- Max Robinson Center</i>	2008 - 2010

REFERENCES

1. David Ruda (Current Supervisor). Assistant Director, Office of Undergraduate Programs, GW School of Business
ruda@gwu.edu, (202) 538-9642 mobile
2. Brian Casemore, PhD (Academic Advisor and Dissertation Chair). Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, GW Graduate School of Education and Human Development
casemore@gwu.edu, (202) 631-6924 mobile
3. Lionel Howard, EdD (Professor and Mentor). Assistant Professor of Educational Research, GW Graduate School of Education and Human Development
lchoward@gwu.edu, (202) 994-4959 office



Phil Mendelson
Chairman

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Office: (202) 724-8032
Fax: (202) 724-8085

February 23, 2018

Maranda C. Ward
2821 O Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Ms. Ward,

Congratulations on being nominated for appointment as a Ward 7 resident non-voting member to the Commission on Health Equity ("Commission"). As you know, the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Council. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a public roundtable on your nomination for **Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 123**. Enclosed is a copy of the roundtable notice. It is standard for the Council to submit questions to nominees. I request your response to the following questions no later than close of business Monday, February 26, 2018.

1. Please provide a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement you filed with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. If you have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement, please provide answers to questions 2-8 in lieu of that statement.
2. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$5,000, including publicly traded stock.
3. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$1,000 during the past two years.
4. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting business with the District Government in which you or any member of your immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent. Also list the position(s) held, a brief description of the entity, and any other pertinent details.
5. Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability borrowed by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$5,000. Do not include loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, or from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts.
6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000.
7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you.
8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member.

9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District government on which you are or have been a member, and include the term of service for each.
10. Please list any other boards (e.g. Boards of Directors of a non-profit) on which you are a member.
11. Do you have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please provide documentation of attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim.
12. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties as a member of the Commission?
13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past five years, including any campaign contributions to a local candidate or political action committee.
14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered.
15. Why have you agreed to serve, and how do you plan to help the Commission fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Commission?
16. Please discuss any past and present experiences not already mentioned that you believe are relevant to support your appointment as a member of the Commission.

At the March 1st roundtable, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving as a member of the Commission. The testimony of persons interested in supporting your nomination is helpful but not necessary. Interested parties may call the Committee office to register to testify (724-8196) or, alternatively, may submit written comments to the Committee regarding your nomination via letter mail or e-mail (COW@dccouncil.us).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Peter Johnson on my staff at (202) 724-8083.

Sincerely,



Phil Mendelson
Chairman

enc.

PM/pj

February 23, 2018

Maranda C. Ward
2821 O Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Ms. Ward,

Congratulations on being nominated for appointment as a Ward 7 resident non-voting member to the Commission on Health Equity (“Commission”). As you know, the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Council. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a public roundtable on your nomination for **Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 123**. Enclosed is a copy of the roundtable notice. It is standard for the Council to submit questions to nominees. I request your response to the following questions no later than close of business Monday, February 26, 2018.

1. Please provide a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement you filed with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. If you have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement, please provide answers to questions 2-8 in lieu of that statement. **See below.**
2. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$5,000, including publicly traded stock. **N/A**
3. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$1,000 during the past two years. **Octane Public Relations Firm.**
4. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting business with the District Government in which you or any member of your immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent. Also, list the position(s) held, a brief description of the entity, and any other pertinent details. **N/A**
5. Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability borrowed by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$5,000. Do not include loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, or from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts. **N/A**
6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000. **None.**
7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you. **N/A**

8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member.

***Co-Chair, Action Research of America (ARNA) Graduate Student Action Research Committee
2018-current***

9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District government on which you are or have been a member, and include the term of service for each.

***Elected Commissioner & Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B03
2017-present (2 year term)***

***Co-Chair, Youth Committee of United States Conference on AIDS (USCA),
2015 (1 year term)***

***Host Committee Member, United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) Youth Engagement
Committee, 2014***

***Member, OSSE Comprehensive Sexual Health Advisory Board
2011 – 2015***

***Youth Committee Chair, DC Community Coalition Youth Core-International AIDS Conference
2011 – 2012***

***Member, Washington, DC Ward 8 Youth Coordinating Council
2009 – 2010***

***Member, DC Coalition of Concerned Providers
2008 – 2013***

***Member, DC Department of Health/HAHSTA Youth & HIV Workgroup
2008 – 2014***

10. Please list any other boards (e.g. Boards of Directors of a non-profit) on which you are a member.

Board of Directors, Girls Rock DC, 2018- present

***Advisory Board Member, Sibley Memorial Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine Ward Infinity
2017-present***

***Advisory Board Member, Adolescent HIV Prevention National Resource Center
2016 – present***

11. Do you have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please provide documentation of attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim. **No.**

12. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties as a member of the Commission? **No.**

13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past five years, including any campaign contributions to a local candidate or political action committee. **N/A**
14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered. **No.**
15. Why have you agreed to serve, and how do you plan to help the Commission fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Commission? **I am eager to serve on this Commission. If appointed, plan to bring my interests, commitment, and experience in advancing health equity in the District as an civically engaged citizen during my tenure. My written testimony provides fuller details.**
16. Please discuss any past and present experiences not already mentioned that you believe are relevant to support your appointment as a member of the Commission. **I design and teach the health equity curriculum for undergraduate students in the health sciences program as faculty at The George Washington University.**

At the March 1st roundtable, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving as a member of the Commission. The testimony of persons interested in supporting your nomination is helpful but not necessary. Interested parties may call the Committee office to register to testify (724-8196) or, alternatively, may submit written comments to the Committee regarding your nomination via letter mail or e-mail (COW@dccouncil.us).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Peter Johnson on my staff at (202) 724-8083.

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson
Chairman

enc.

PM/pj

Testimony for Public Roundtable
Council of the District of Columbia
March 1, 2018

Maranda C. Ward
2821 O. St., SE
Washington, DC 20020

Re: Commission on Health Equity Maranda C. Ward Appointment Resolution of 2017

Good afternoon. My name is Dr. Maranda Ward. While I am only in the first year of my term as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC) for single member district 7B03, I have lived in the District of the Columbia (DC) for over 14 years. In that time, I have become increasingly committed to preserving community identity, community health, and community development. These commitments come through in my work as the director of a youth development pipeline for DC youth and as faculty at The George Washington University (GW) School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Please allow this testimony to go on public record indicating my unwavering support and interest in accepting the nomination for an appointment as a Ward 7 resident non-voting member to the Mayor's Commission on Health Equity. I humbly request your support of my appointment due to my sustained efforts towards health equity in the forms of education and service.

But first, I want to thank Councilmember Vincent Gray's office for nominating me to serve on behalf of Ward 7 residents as well as Chairman Mendelson and the Committee of the Whole for the opportunity to speak to you today during this public roundtable on why I am interested in serving as a member of this Commission.

Traveling over the course of 50 DC blocks from NW to SE, you will experience “A Tale of Two Cities.” For instance, my office building is located on Pennsylvania Ave with a bus stop right out front connecting to five (5) bus lines. And, because I also live off of Pennsylvania Ave, four (4) of those lines will let me off a block away from my house. On the NW side, you can access buildings awarded platinum ratings for leadership in energy and environment design and commercial real estate filled with varied food retailers. Once you cross the John Philip Sousa bridge into my single member district, you find an influx of either vacant or blighted storefronts with limited food retail aside for carry-outs and liquor stores. As Toni Lawson, a SE resident, rightly pointed out in the 2018 NPR documentary on food access in the District, what we are experiencing is food apartheid. In other words, there is nothing coincidental about the racially segregated parts of the city being historically and systemically deprived of their right to health. While I point out these injustices to residents and students alike, I also capitalize on community assets to move the needle towards health equity.

Such efforts towards health equity come in the form of education and service. I teach and design the health equity curriculum for the undergraduate GW health sciences program. From my #EquityMatters podcast to leading research on equity-based learning outcomes and pipeline initiatives, my body of academic work contributes to improving health literacy, diversifying the healthcare workforce, and improving the training of health professionals. I am also heavily invested in the conditions that shape the health outcomes and well-being of Ward 7 residents. I work with a range of stakeholders to improve resident safety and access to city services. My work on the ANC overlaps with my work on the Ward Infinity advisory board where I provide ongoing

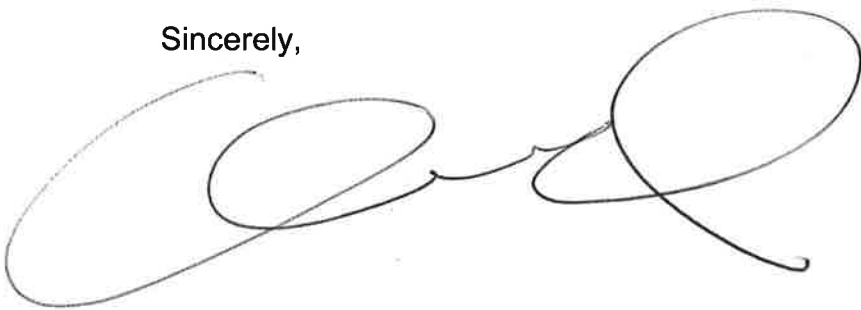
support to Ward 7 and 8 residents who secured seed funds to lead neighborhood-based wellness projects.

Serving on the Mayor's Commission on Health Equity will not only seamlessly marry my education and service efforts currently underway to advance health equity but it will also allow for me to stay abreast of important policies affecting the allocation of services, resources, and facilities directly impacting the health of Ward 7 residents. Though my appointment would be a non-voting member, I still anticipate representing the priorities of Ward 7 residents with the dignity and vigor afforded to its voting members.

Chairman Mendelson and Committee on the Whole, I ask that you consider my expressed willingness to commit my time and talent alongside my track record of education and service benefiting residents across DC—and especially where I live in Ward 7. I believe it is possible that one day I can eliminate the cognitive dissonance I experience each day traveling down Pennsylvania Ave knowing that an equitable DC is possible. As such, I respectfully request that you support my nomination.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several large, fluid loops and curves, positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 Committee of the Whole
3 March 6, 2018
4
5
6

7 **A PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

8
9 **PR 22-687**
10
11

12 **IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
13
14

15
16 To appoint Ms. Maranda C. Ward to the Commission on Health Equity.
17

18 **RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,** That this
19 resolution may be cited as the “Commission on Health Equity Maranda C. Ward Appointment
20 Resolution of 2018”.

21
22 **Sec. 2.** The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

23 **Maranda C. Ward**
24 **2821 O Street, S.E.**
25 **Washington, D.C. 20020**
26 **(Ward 7)**
27

28 as the nonvoting community advisory member from Ward 7 of the Commission on Health
29 Equity, pursuant to section 5043(c)(1)(B) of the Commission on Health Equity Amendment Act
30 of 2016, effective October 8, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-160; D.C. Official Code § 7-756.01(c)(1)(B)).

31 **Sec. 3.** The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
32 upon its adoption, to the appointee, to the chairperson of the Commission, and to the Office of
33 the Mayor.

34 **Sec. 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
35 the District of Columbia Register.