Black and Latina Young Women and Girls Task Force Meeting
March 16, 2024
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036

Meeting Agenda

I. Introduction of Task Force Chair and Members
   • Dr. Sharon Contreras, North Carolina A&T, College of Education, Taskforce Chair
   • Stephanie Elizalde, Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District
   • Kelly Gonez, Board Member, Los Angeles Unified School District
   • Shavonna Holman, Board Member, Omaha Public School

II. Chair Opening Remarks
    • Dr. Sharon Contreras, North Carolina A&T, College of Education, Taskforce Chair

III. Developing Successful Partnerships and Programs to Impact Black and Latina Girls: Working on Womanhood (WOW) Program Presentation followed by Q/A

    Youth Guidance, Working on Womanhood (WOW) is a school-based, trauma informed group counseling program that uses cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) to improve the social-emotional competencies of young women in grades 6-12 exposed to traumatic stressors in high risk and under-resourced communities. Launched in 2011, the school-based program runs throughout the academic year and serves students across several Council member districts including Chicago, Boston, Dallas and Kansas City.
    • Shawn Brown, Executive Director for Youth Guidance Boston (BAM and WOW)
    • Alithea Casimir, Program & Partnership Manager
    • Melinda Vazquez, Replication Curriculum Specialist

IV. Discussion and Closing

CGCS Staff:
Farah Assiraj, Chief of Teaching and Learning