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## 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