

**Portland Children's Levy  
Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2015 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Portland City Council Chambers**

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The full record of the meeting may be viewed on the Portland Children's Investment Fund website:  
[www.portlandchildrenslevy.org](http://www.portlandchildrenslevy.org).

**Attending:** Mitch Hornecker, Deborah Kafoury, Dan Saltzman (Chair), Serena Stoudamire-Wesley, Julie S. Young

**Welcome/introduction of Allocation Committee and Children's Levy staff**

**Approval of minutes from June 2 meeting**

**Young:** So moved

**Kafoury:** Second

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Public Comment** – none

**Allocation of Available Funding**

**Saltzman:** We have \$509,000 to allocate today.

**Pellegrino:** The staff recommendations are available in written form (*Appendix 1 to these minutes*).

We are not recommending any additional allocations to early childhood programs. We already have invested more than the target percentage in this area.

Also, we are not recommending funding the Neighborhood House Early Head Start program. We have learned that funding that program is likely to supplant PPS funding and would not expand available slots.

We are not recommending funding the Yu Maio preschool program. We believe there are other funding sources – specifically, ERDC and the Children's Levy Childcare initiative – which the preschool could access to allow low income folks to access their services.

We recommend reconsidering the staff recommendations from the June 2 meeting. They are based on the factors that the Allocation Committee asked us to consider in reviewing our current grants.

In addition, we have recommended 3 other programs in after school and mentoring, as those areas are underfunded compared to the target amounts.

**Public Testimony**

**Rachel Polling and Kianna Williams of Volunteers of America Relief Nursery.** We appreciate your continued support and we have enhanced our services at the relief nursery. We have hired additional staff. We will be adding physical and mental health services. We will be using a trauma-informed, strengths based model. We have increased the diversity of our staff and are now serving 33% African American children. We hope to grow our new model and serve more families.

**Julie Mancini and Paige Hill of College Possible.** We thank you for considering funding our program. We are entering our third year and have had excellent results. We have raised our ACT scores by 25%. Funds like this help us continue to support more students.

**Jeri Janowsky from Saturday Academy.** Thank you for funding us. Please consider funding our summer program to allow us to offer expanded services.

**Funding Decisions**

**Saltzman:** We have all indicated our preferences after reviewing staff recommendations. We are largely in agreement.

The following funding decisions were made:

<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Grantee Program</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
After school	IRCO - INSPIRE	\$ 100,000
After school	Human Solutions - Learn Links	\$ 112,000
Mentoring	College Possible – new grant	\$ 180,000
After school	Saturday Academy	\$ 75,000
Child abuse prevention	Self Enhancement, Inc. - Intensive Parenting	\$ 13,000
After school	Impact NW - Urban Opportunities	\$ 12,000
Foster Care	Impact NW - Safe & Together	\$ 40,000
Child abuse prevention	Impact NW - Parent Child Involvement	\$ 9,000

*All amounts, except College Possible, were additions to previous grants. College Possible is a new grant. All votes were unanimous. Saltzman abstained on Impact NW votes. Stoudamire-Wesley abstained on Self Enhancement, Inc. vote.*

**Saltzman:** That completes our recommendations for the \$8.1 million. Our next meeting is not currently scheduled.

Adjourned 3:35 pm