



## Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force

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AAHTF Annual Meeting  
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**Present:** Dr. Bernadette Kelley, Dr. Patrick Moore, Maggie Lewis Butler, Tony Hill (Chairman), Dr. Samuel Wright, Dr. Will Guzman, Tracey Oliver, Marion Williams and Ranston Chandler, Lakechia Eiland

**Excused:** Rhonda Vangates, Gwendolyn Simmons, Rep. Thompson and Emerita Wilson

**Opening Prayer:** Dr. Samuel Wright

- i. Welcome- Tony Hill, Chairman
- ii. Introductions-AAHTF members and guest
- iii. New Task Force members
  - Dr. Will Guzman and Tracey Oliver

A motion was made (Hill) and seconded (Wright) to accept the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes.

**Unanimous**

- iv. Principal Investigator's Report
  - Dr. Bernadette Kelley shared the Principal Investigator's Report which included the Quarterly Reports for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 as required by the Florida Department of Education.

Link to presentation:

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Task Force Initiatives:

A. Dr Patrick Moore: Next Step Exit App

Dr. Moore presented news and updates about Next Step Exit App. A document was distributed outlining the overview of the Next Step Exit App Project including:

- i. Project Overview
- ii. Enhancing the Experience
- iii. What is the Next Step Exit? ( trademark)
- iv. Advantages
- v. Project Outlines and deliverables
- vi. Task Descriptions
- vii. Project Time Line
- viii. Cost Proposal



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### B. Everfi: Web-based Teacher Training:

- i. Professional Development
- ii. Student training-306 – African-American History™
- iii. Provides access to all educators in the State of Florida with web based resources aligned with African-American History Instructional Standards.

### C. Summer Institute:

- i. Review of the 2015 Summer Institute theme The March on Selma & Civil Rights: Leading the Charge To Make A Difference in Our Schools
    - a. Number of teachers: 19 participants
    - b. Topics covered: Instructional Standards/Web Based Teacher Training, 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer, and Everfi Presentation
    - c. Overview of presentation Dr. Scott: No Laughing Matter: LAFS in History/Social Studies
  - ii. Reviewed the upcoming 2016 Summer Institute theme: Hallow Grounds: Sites of African-American in Florida.
- v. “Exemplary Districts” Status Updates  
**Project staff-Dr. Ranston Chandler (Instructional Designer):**
- Review of Exemplary School Districts and Current Status shared  
Palm Beach County contact person needs to be identified. Marion Williams recommended that Carlos Diaz will be a good candidate for Palm Beach County Exemplary districts contact person.
  - An additional feature has been added to the main AAHTF website which highlight various events of the Exemplary Districts.
  - One additional district has applied for Exemplary District Status: Hillsborough County: Contact person Dr. Holt.
  - A review of current Exemplary Districts needs to be conducted before the next annual meeting.

## VI. Legislative Agenda



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- Chairman Hill would like to review the formula used for the budget/expenditures to the AAHTF.
- Chairman Hill will make the necessary contact to seek an increase in funding and review the budget process.
- Chairman Hill recommended to the Task Force that a meeting be set up with President Mangum at FAMU to share with her (1) who the African-American History Task Force is (2) what they do (3) while seeking her support.

### VII. Goal Committee Reports/Restructure:

#### **Goal Reports: No written goal reports were submitted.**

- Dr. Kelley suggested that a model/ template needs to be developed for all goal reports.
- The report format will contain objectives, outcomes, actions items and next step plans.
- Dr. Kelley further suggested that each goal chair identify a sub-committee to assist with ideas and inputs to achieve and complete committee goals.

Marion Williams also suggested that the sub-committees will be beneficial in promoting exemplary status for all districts.

Chairman Hill requested that the Goal Chairs meet before start of the 2016 Summer Institute.

**Goal #1:** Promoting awareness, understanding, and the infusing of the required instruction legislation that addresses the African and African American experience into the curriculum of Florida's schools.

- Dr. Gwendolyn Simmons (chair) and Marion Williams (co-chair)

**Goal #2:** Development of instructional guidelines, standardized framework, and supplemental materials /resources that include the African and African American experience.

- Mark Howse (chair) and Dr. Will Guzman

**Goal #3:** Provide pre- and in-service training for implementation of the required instruction using various technologies and materials.



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- Dr. Patrick Moore (chair) and Tracey Oliver (co-chair).

**Goal #4:** Make recommendations to the Commissioner of Education and the appropriate Florida Department of Education leaders that support the full implementation of the required instruction mandate.

- Maggie Lewis-Butler (chair) and Dr. Samuel Wright (co-chair).

Final Quarterly report is due July 1, 2016. Therefore, all goal reports are due two weeks prior to that date.

A motion was made (Hill) and seconded (Guzman) establishment of sub-committees and second (Guzman): **Unanimous**

#### VIII. Summer Institute 2016:

- This year's Summer Institute will be held in Tallahassee, Florida: June 16-18, 2016
- Everfi will host Dr. Carson as a guest speaker for the 2016 Summer Institute.
- Selected Exemplary Districts will be invited to present their districts plans, structure, and accomplishments.
- Mr. Chike Akua will be an invited guest to present on the Summer Institute's theme.

#### IX. Next meeting: Goal Chair update:

- Goal Chair Committee meeting will be held June, 15, 2016.

Closing Remarks: Chairman Hill motioned and seconded (Williams) for meeting to be adjourned at 4:00 pm: **Unanimous**