

## Doing Business Panelist March 11, 2014

### PANEL 1

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**Delano Squires** is the Director of Connect.DC, the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer's (OCTO) digital inclusion program. Connect.DC works to "bridge the digital divide" in the District by making technology more accessible to low-income and underserved DC residents.

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**Bridgette Royster** as the Grants Management Specialist, Bridgette manages both non-profit organizations and District agencies receiving federal and local grant funding. In this role, Bridgette oversees Title II, the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), and the Truancy Reduction Grant. Before coming to the Justice Grants Administration, Bridgette served as Grants Manager for the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), the State Education Agency for the District of Columbia, where she managed the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. She also serves as the Juvenile Justice Specialist for the District of Columbia where she provides support to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group and ensures compliance with the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. Bridgette received her undergraduate degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and her graduate degree from Bowie State University.

**Shamika Place, Contract Specialist**  
Children and Family Services

**Shamika Place** is the person responsible for processing all of the grants that are issued by the Child and Family Services Agency. A former honors graduate of Howard University, she joined the District of Columbia Gov't in 2008 as an Insurance Coordinator for the Office of Risk Management managing the District's Captive Insurance Program; later joining CFSA as a Contracts Supervisor in 2010 after the Insurance program was discontinued. When Ms. Place is not processing grants, she handles various procurement requests for the Agency's Facilities and Operations administrations to Placement Services.

**Ebony Fortune, Public Health Analyst**  
Department of Health

**Ebony Fortune** is a twelve year veteran of the D.C. Department of Health. Ms. Fortune joined the health department as a college intern who acquired a full time position as a program assistant to the Ryan White

care program. Since that time Ms. Fortune has earned a master's in public health and now holds the position of a senior level program officer in the Ryan White care program. In this role she manages multiple grants and contracts for the Ryan White program totaling over \$16 million dollars.

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### PANEL 2

#### **Mark Smith, Director of Grants and Special Projects**

Humanities Council of Washington, DC (HCWDC)

**Mark W. E. Smith** is from Detroit, MI. He is a graduate of Howard University earning a Bachelor in Arts in the field of Political Science. He currently serves as Director of Grants and Special Projects for the Humanities Council of Washington, DC. The Humanities Council's mission is to foster intellectual stimulation, promote cross-cultural understanding and an appreciation of local history in all neighborhoods of the District through humanities grants and programs. As Director of Grants and Special Projects responsibilities include administering grants for three annual grant cycles; Grantee outreach and compliance; Developing an auxiliary partnership group to standardize best practices among similar non profits; Developing a peer mentoring group that facilitated interaction between previous and prospective grantees; Producing a local television show to showcase grantee projects to a wider audience; and assisting in fundraising and strategic planning activities.

#### **Lauren Adkins, Manager**

DC Department of Small and  
Local Business Development

**Lauren Adkins** manages the Retail Business Development division of the DC Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). In that role, she oversees several programs which assist the organizations charged with revitalizing DC's business districts, including Clean Teams and DC Main Streets. Prior to joining DSLBD, Lauren spent 20 years traveling around the country as a consultant to commercial revitalization organizations. She specialized in program assessment, strategic planning, leadership development and fundraising. Lauren is a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas and holds a B.A. in Art and Archaeology from Washington University in St. Louis.

#### **Clarence J. Fluker, Director**

Communications and Special Initiatives  
Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism

**Clarence J. Fluker** is a public affairs and creative thought leader with a proven ability to connect the dots and people to meaningful causes and yield significant results. His current position is Communications and Special Initiatives Director for Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism where he advances the office's mission of promoting service and volunteerism as an innovative and sustainable tool to meet unmet community needs. Previously he worked with the Mayor's Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Affairs as a liaison between community organizations, government agencies and constituents to improve, transform, and ensure the delivery of cultural competent services to thousands of GLBT District residents and employees of the District of Columbia. Before joining the Executive Office of the Mayor he worked for a national political action committee and several nonprofit organizations managing communications, fundraising and program initiatives.

He earned his undergraduate degree in speech communication from Morgan State University and graduate degree in public communication from American University. While studying at American University, Fluker received the Benefactor's Award from the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies and participated in the Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute.

**Walter C. Lundy, Jr., M.Ed.**

Associate Director, Operations and Grants Management  
Division of Early Learning and Chief Operating Officer  
Office of the State Superintendent of Education

**Walter Lundy** currently serves as the Associate Director of the Division of Early Learning at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). Prior to holding this post, Mr. Lundy served as the Associate Director of Grants Management and Compliance of the Division of Federal Grants Management (OSSE), Financial Administrator of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OSSE OCFO), Director of Title I Programs (DC Public Schools) and Director of Grants Management (Cleveland Public Schools). Mr. Lundy brings nearly 15 years of proven experience in implementing reform in urban education. Mr. Lundy is currently a third year Ph.D. candidate at Howard University. He has earned degrees from Virginia Tech University, Ohio State University and West Alabama University.

**Unique Morris (waiting for bio)**