

Community Advisory Board Options/Issues Paper

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PSC Action/Commitment: "Within three months of the signing of the Chesapeake Executive Council statement, explore a process for a community advisory board comprised of environmental justice leaders and representatives from organizations led by people of color or other underrepresented groups. This board could be part of one of the partnership's exiting advisory boards (CAC or LGAC)."

CBP Community Advisory Board (CAB) Options:

Option 1: CAB as part of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Option 2: CAB as part of the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC)

Option 3: CAB as a freestanding entity

Option 4: (Hybrid) CAB as a freestanding board with cross-pollination with CAC. E.g., the CAB Chair/Vice Chair or member would also serve as a member of CAC (and possibly LGAC and STAC) and CAC would be involved in the CAB as well

Issues for Consideration:

1. Mission/Purpose: *From the DEIJ Strategy* – Section 3.2.c. "Explore the options and determine a process for starting a Community Advisory Board (or similar entity) – composed of compensated environmental justice leaders and representatives from organizations led by people of color and other underrepresented groups that could serve as:
(1) a sounding board and resource for development and implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, including GIT workplans and grant-making, and
(2) a feeder pool for identifying and developing leaders from communities of color, low income communities and other underrepresented groups to serve as representatives on groups throughout the Governance and Management Framework."
2. Membership:
 - Would the board members be Governor appointees like CAC and LGAC?
 - Would there be "at-large" members too?
 - How many board members (CAC and LGAC have ~ 25)?
 - What would be the meeting frequency (CAC and LGAC meet quarterly)?
3. Governance
 - Would the CAB have its own charter?
 - What is the relationship to the PSC/MB/DWG?
 - Would the CAB have a seat at the table for MB/PSC Meetings?
 - What changes would need to be made to the CBP Governance Document?

4. Cost/Funding:

- How much will the CAB cost to fund? (CAC and LGAC each cost ~\$250K annually)
- Will there be a full-time, paid Coordinator like CAC and LGAC have?
- Will board members receive compensation beyond per diem for meetings?
- Who pays? (EPA? Jurisdictions? Federal agencies?)

5. Timing:

- Will the CAB be fully operational in FY21? Or FY22? Or phased in?
- Will this be a permanent board or will it “sunset” in 5 – 6 years as DEIJ is more fully integrated into the partnership structure, governance and daily operations?

6. Other Issues?